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1. CAPTAIN BATTLE, JR.

IN A COMPLETE FULL-LENGTH 38 PAGE NOVEL



THE PLUG-UGLY FAVORITE OF MILLIONS



3. Main BLOOD

A GRIPPING STORY OF ACTION
IN THE PACIFIC



THE WORLD'S WORST VILLAIN BATTLES "THE GHOST"



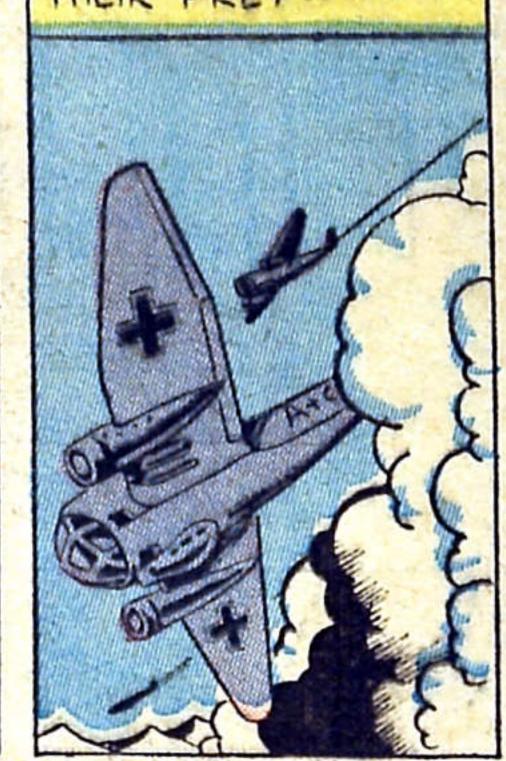
THRILL ON EVERY PAGE!



ALL IS PEACEFUL AS ALERT SENTRIES GUARD A FAMOUS HOTEL ON THE SHORES OF CASABLANCA, WHERE AN IM-PORTANT MEETING TAKES PLACE...

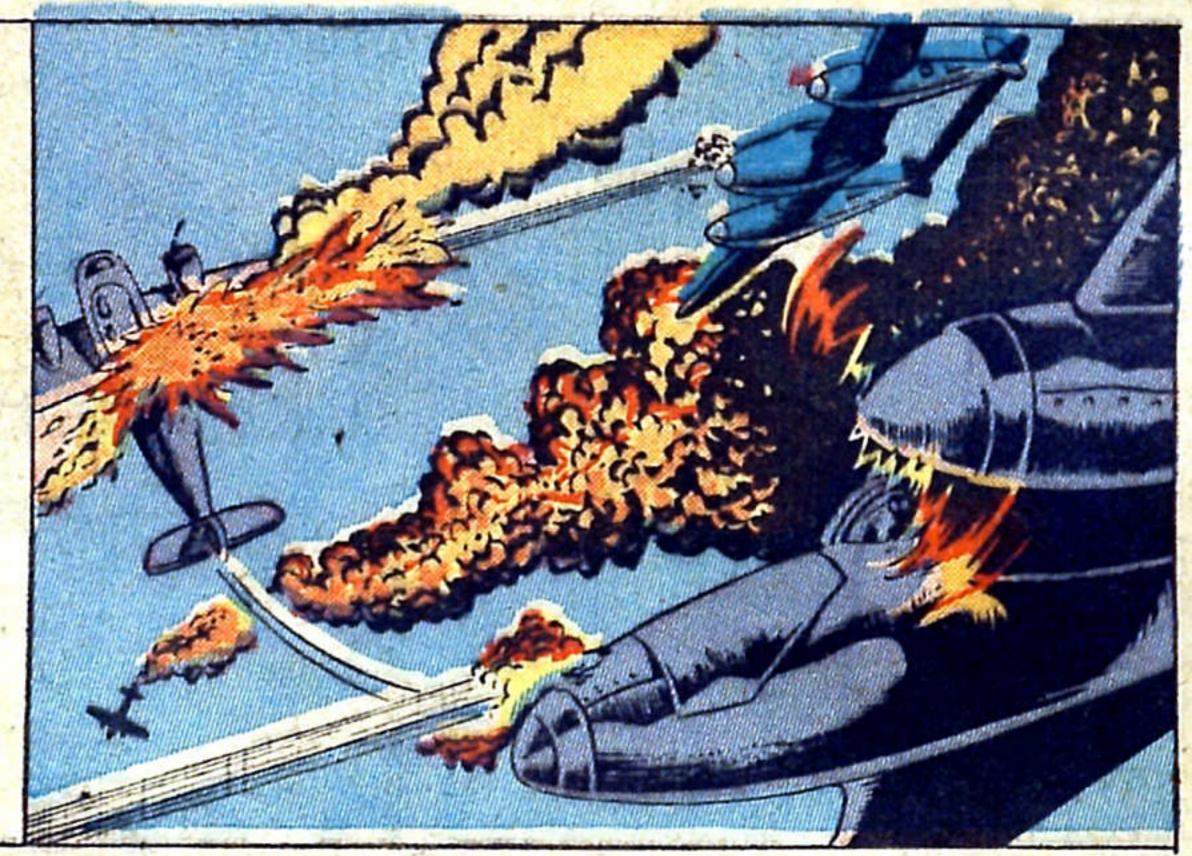


"BUT, THIS IS WAR! AND THE WINGS OF THE THIRD REICH SOAR TOWARD THEIR PREY





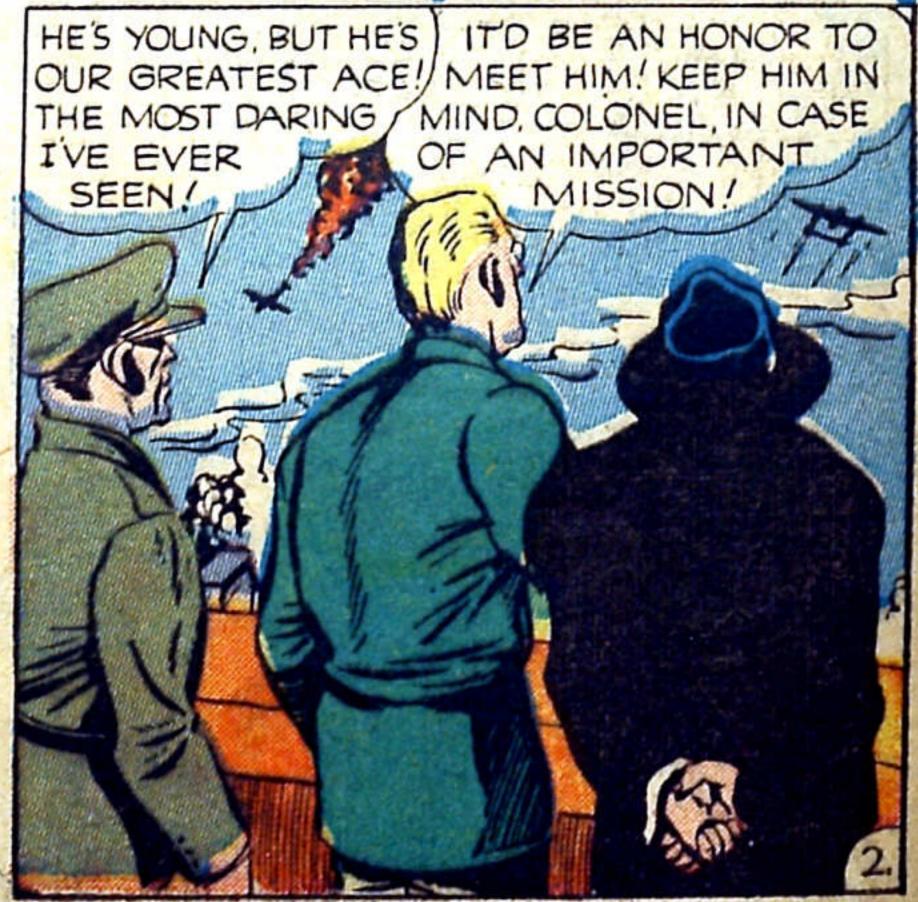
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AT THE BALCONY OF THE HOTEL - - WHO'S FLYING THE LEAD PLANE, COLONEL? HE HANDLES IT AS IF HE WERE BORN IN ONE!

THAT'S CAPTAIN BATTLE, SIR!









-- AND ... CAPTAIN BATTLE.JR. FAMOUS SON OF A VERY FAMOUS FATHER. STEPS FROM HIS PLANE ..







AT ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS ---

CAPTAIN, YOU'VE BEEN SELECT-ED TO CARRY OUT THE MOST DANGEROUS AND MOST IMPORTANT MISSION OF THE WAR!! HOWEVER -- IT IS PURELY VOLUNTARY ----!

I'M READY, SIR!



















--AND SO, A SPECIAL PLANE -- A PLANE ON A MISSION OF DARING WINGS ITS WAY OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, TOWARD THE LAIR OF THE BEAST -- BERLIN! WILL THE COURAGE OF ITS SMALL BUT VALIANT CREW OVERCOME THE FEARFUL ODDS AGAINST THEM? ANYWAY, OUR WISHES AND HOPES GO ALONG, TOO!!





















STEALING
THRU SECRET
ALLEYS AND
PASSAGES,
HANS LEADS
HANS LEADS
HIS AMERICAN
FRIENDS
TO THE DARK
INNER
SANCTUM
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SANCTUM
OF THE MANUAL
UNDERSROUND
MOVEMENT!





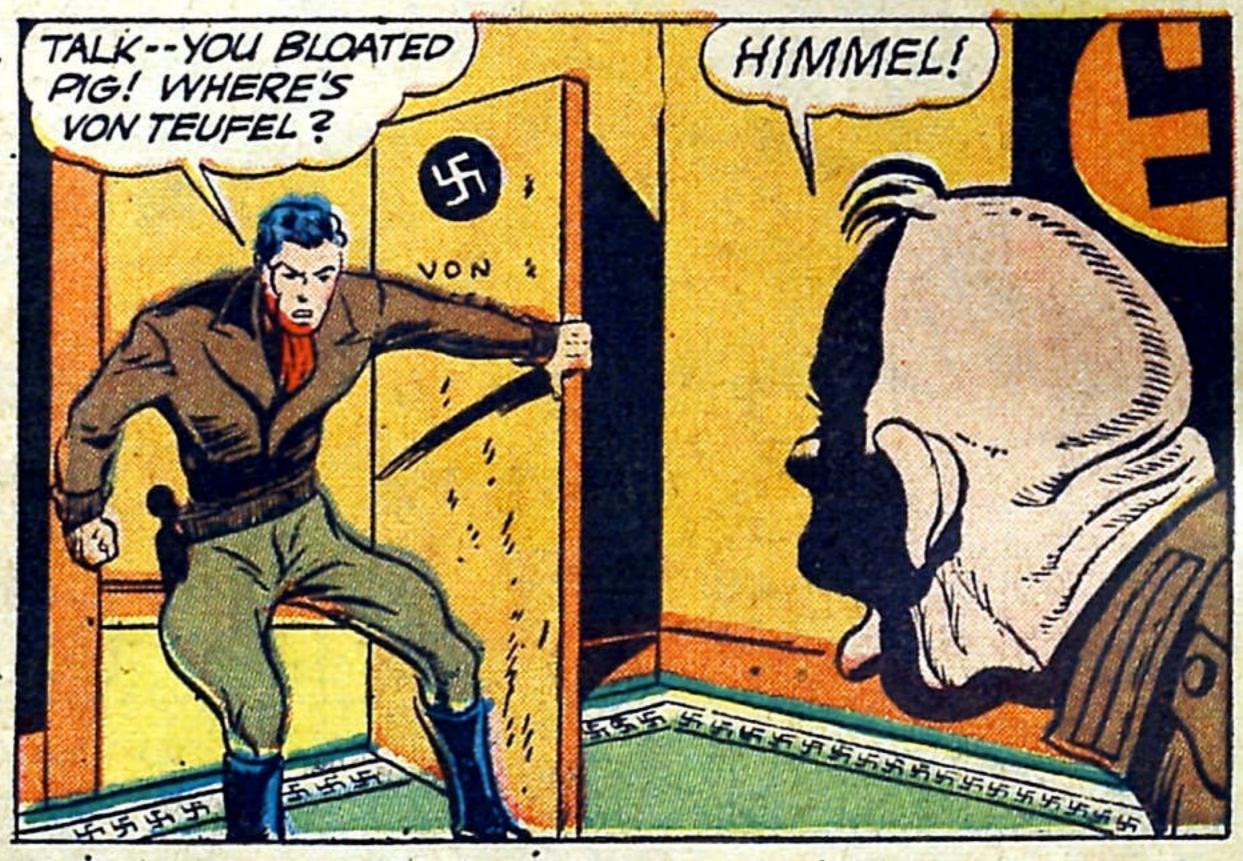












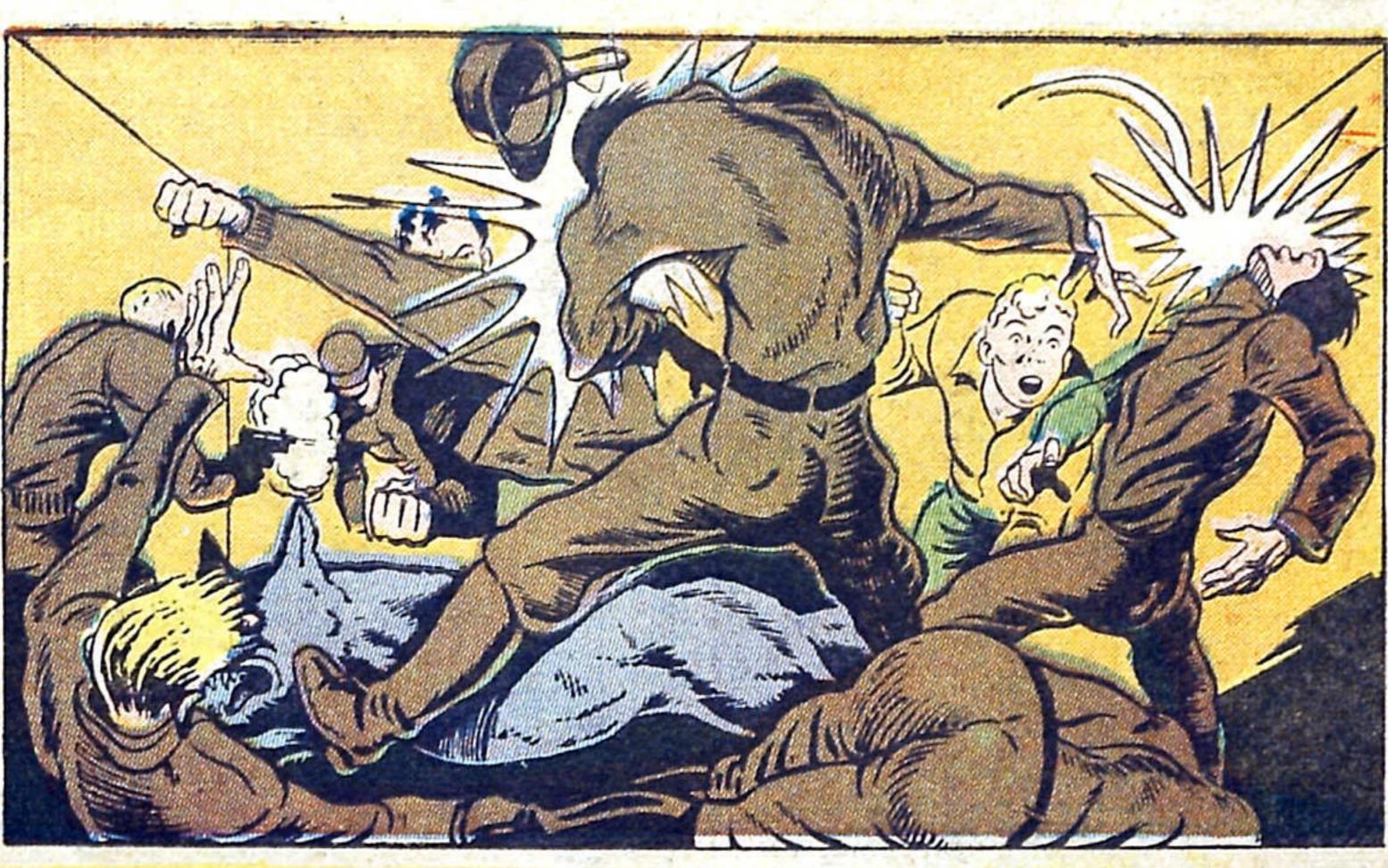


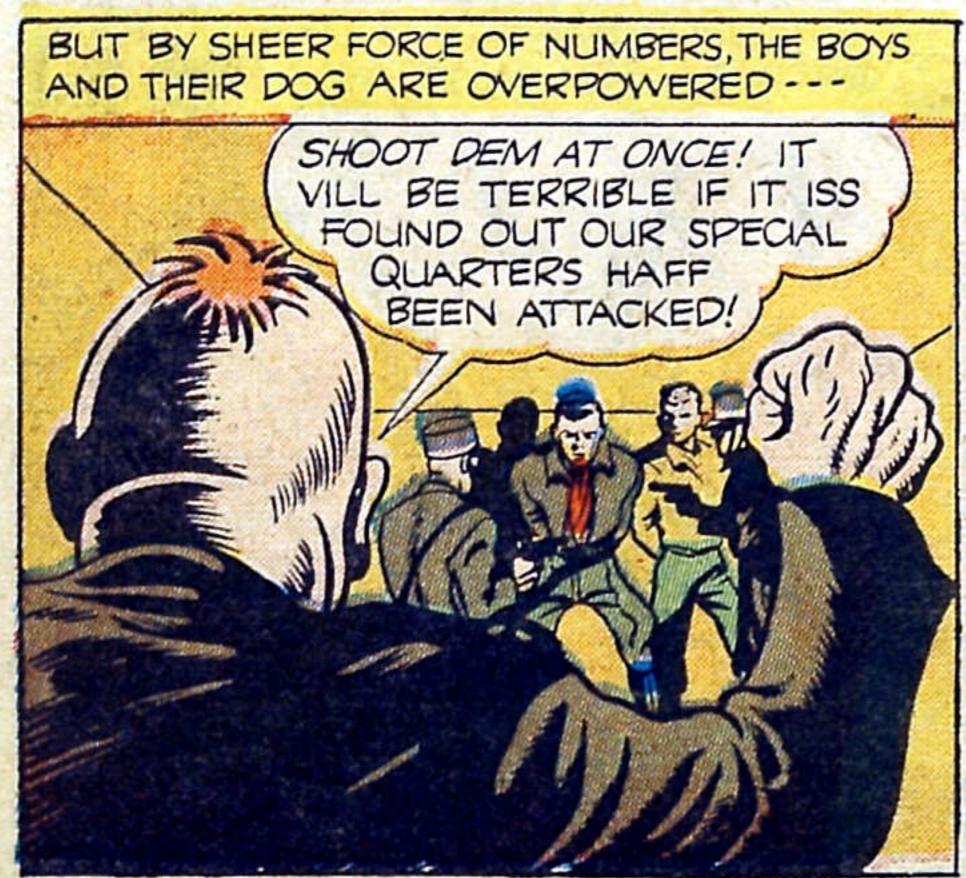




MORE NAZIS
APPEAR ON
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OF A
BATTLE
ROYAL!

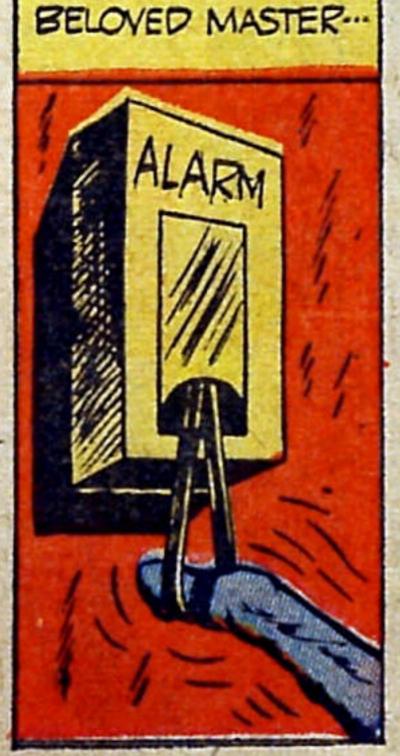












-- BUT THE LOYAL

DOG IS FAR FROM

DESERTING HIS









THE GUARDS, A GAUNT, SHACKLED FIGURE STANDS AT A CELL DOOR! HIS CRACKED, HOARSE VOICE RISES IN DESPERATE APPEAL---



THIS WAS ONCE THE MIGHTIEST ANTI-NAZI OF THEM ALL---



MY FATHER WILL THINK I HAVE
DESERTED HIM--- BUT I HAVE MY
PUTY TO DO! WE MUST GO AFTER
VON TEUFEL...!

YOUR FATHER
WILL UNDERSTAND
CAP!

CAPTAIN BATTLE.

JR. PURSUES THE

FANATICAL VON

TEUFEL! WILL

THE CUNNING

NAZI BE CAUGHT,

ENDING THE

LAST HOPE OF

HITLER?

--OR WILL HE

SLIP THRU TO

CARRY OUT

HIS DASTARDLY

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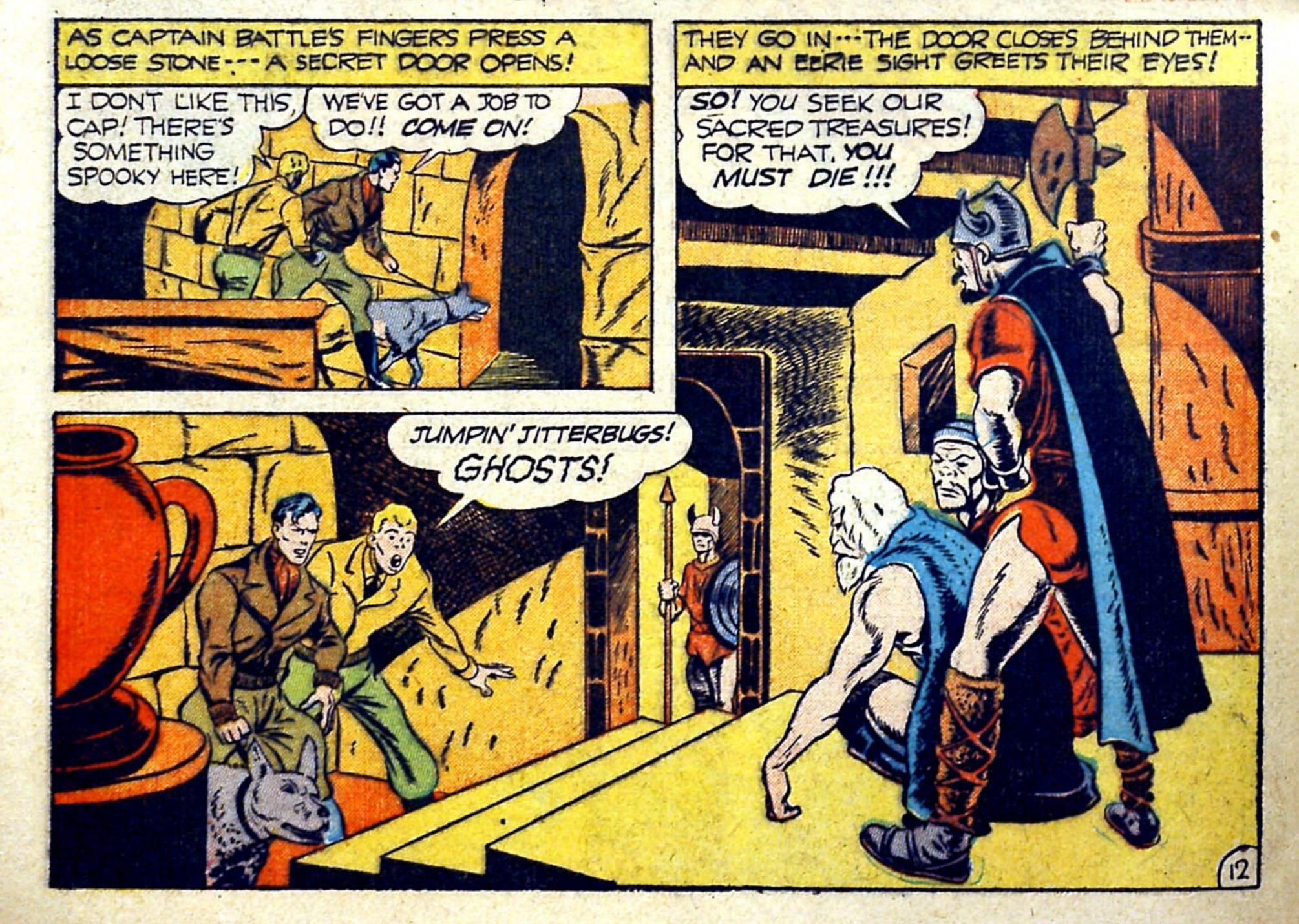










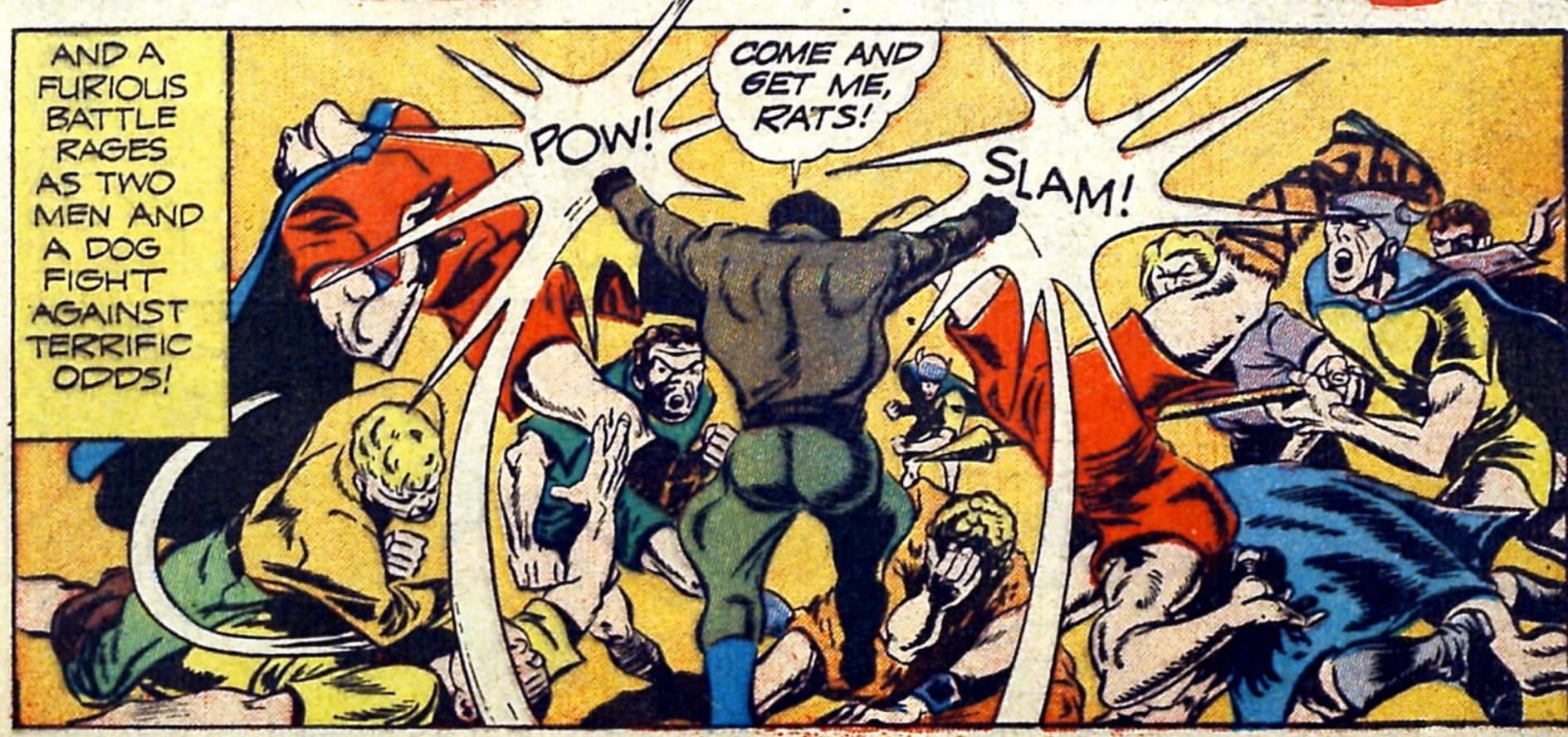




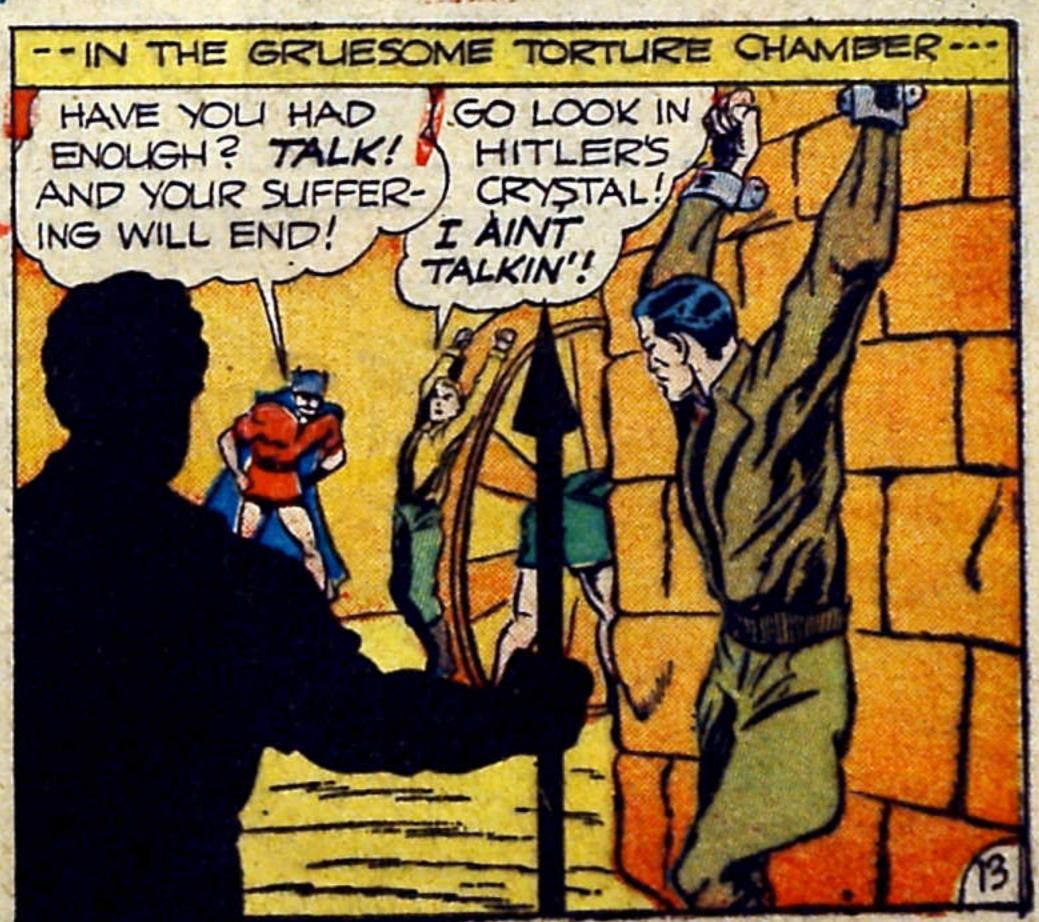


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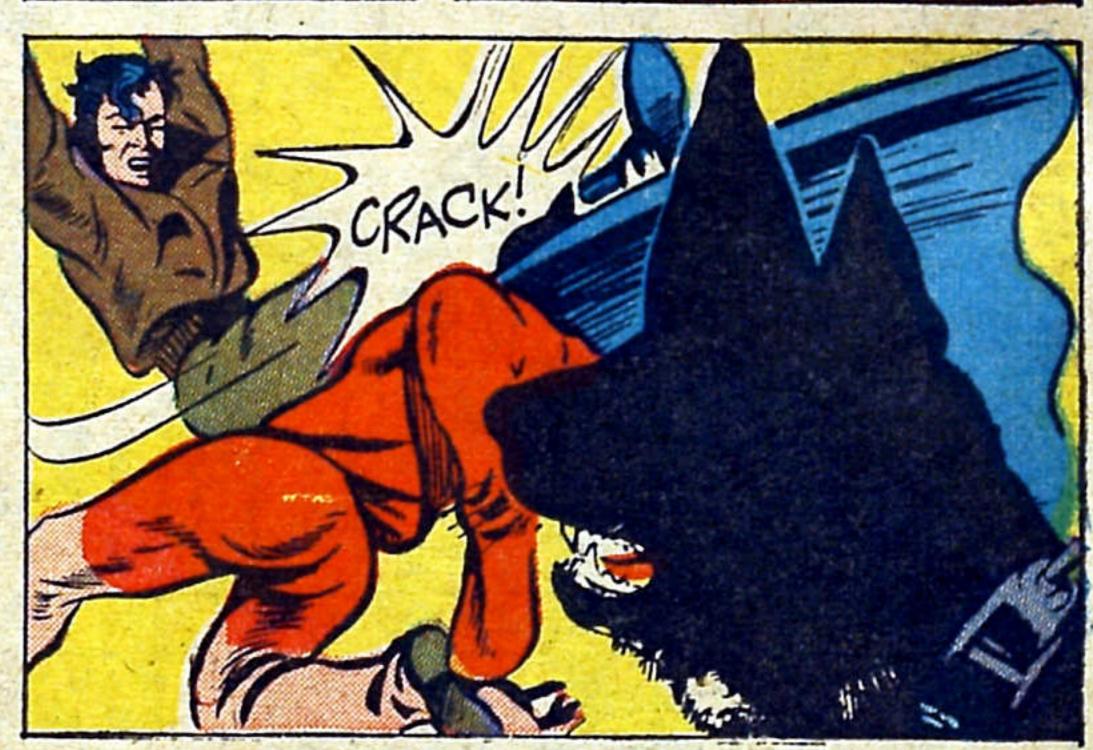






EVEN THE WARRIORS CRINGE















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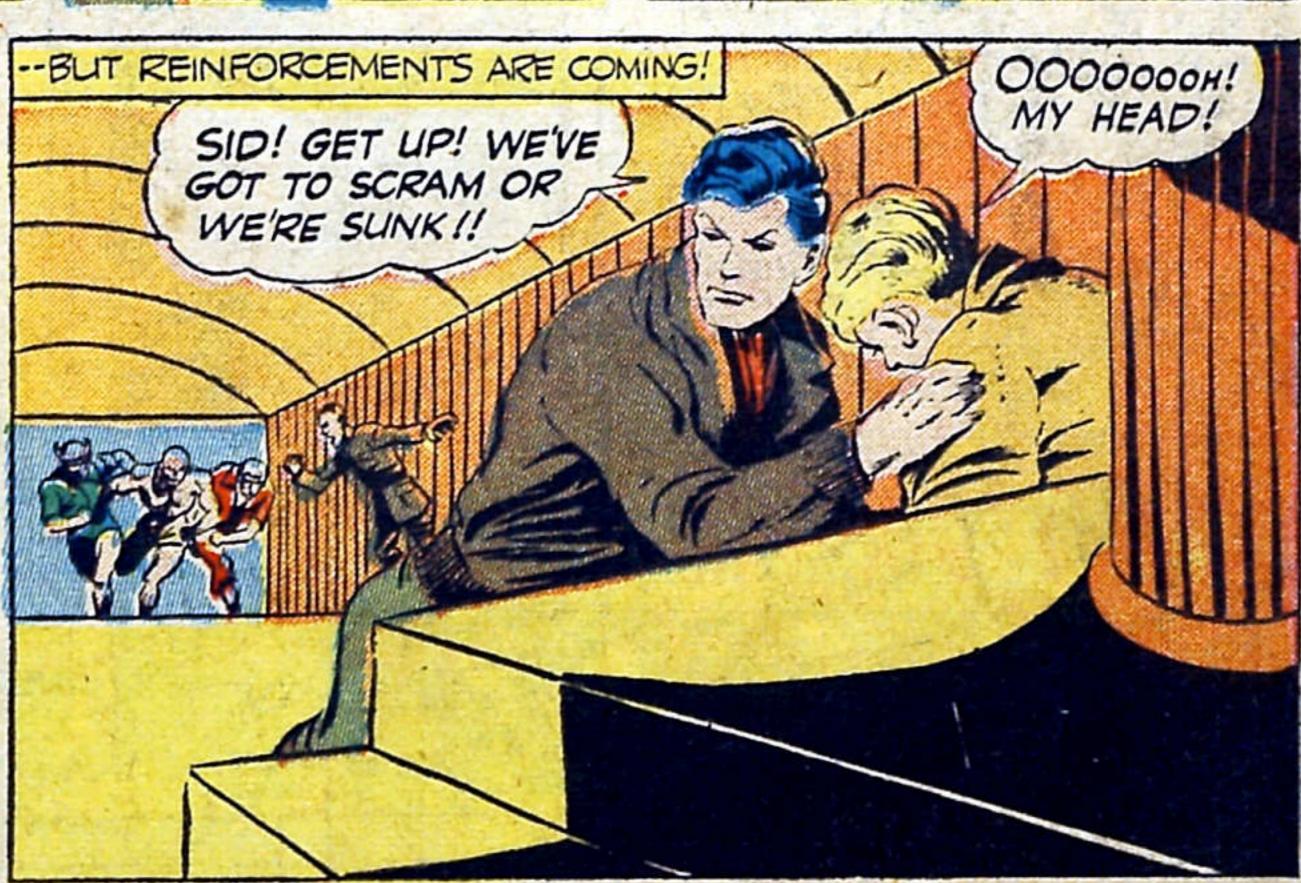




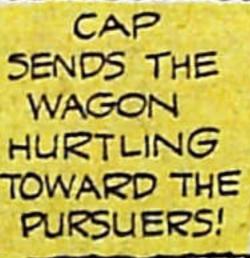


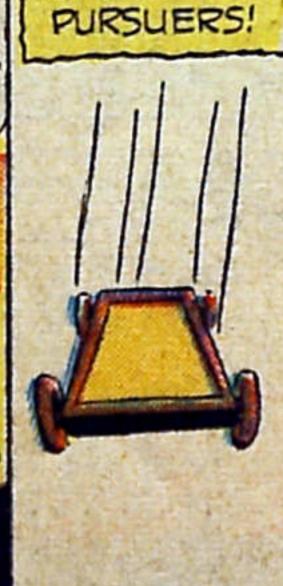


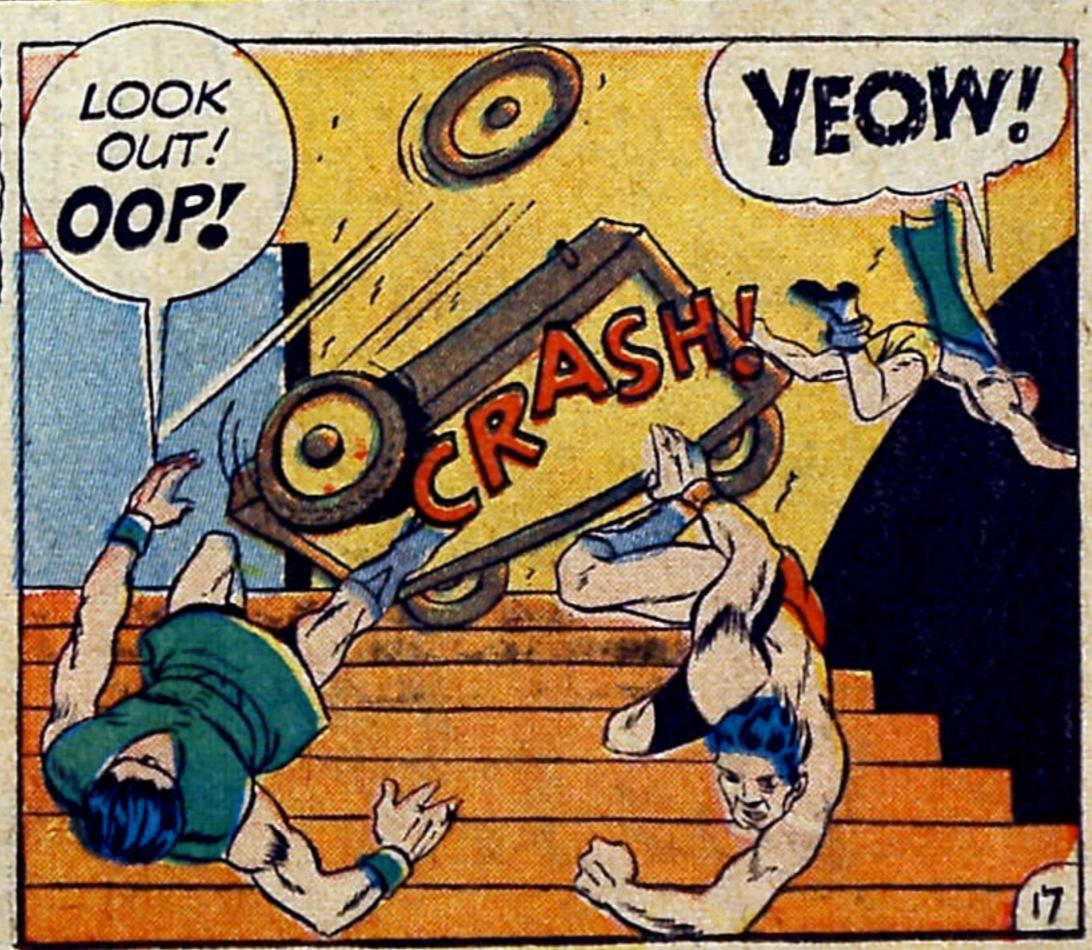






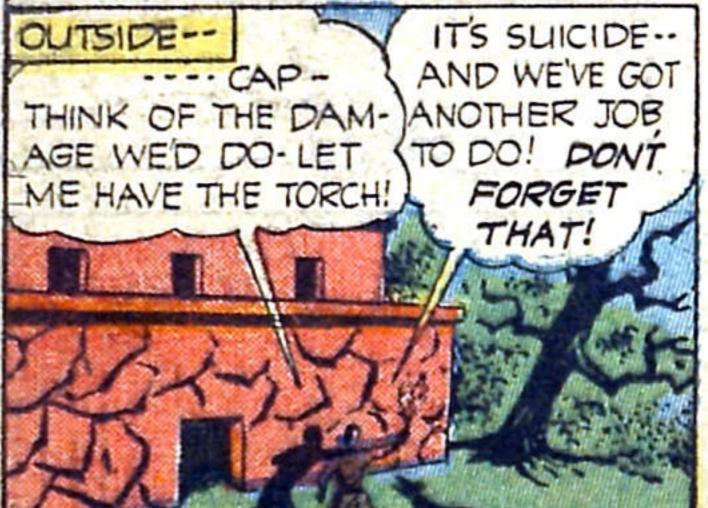










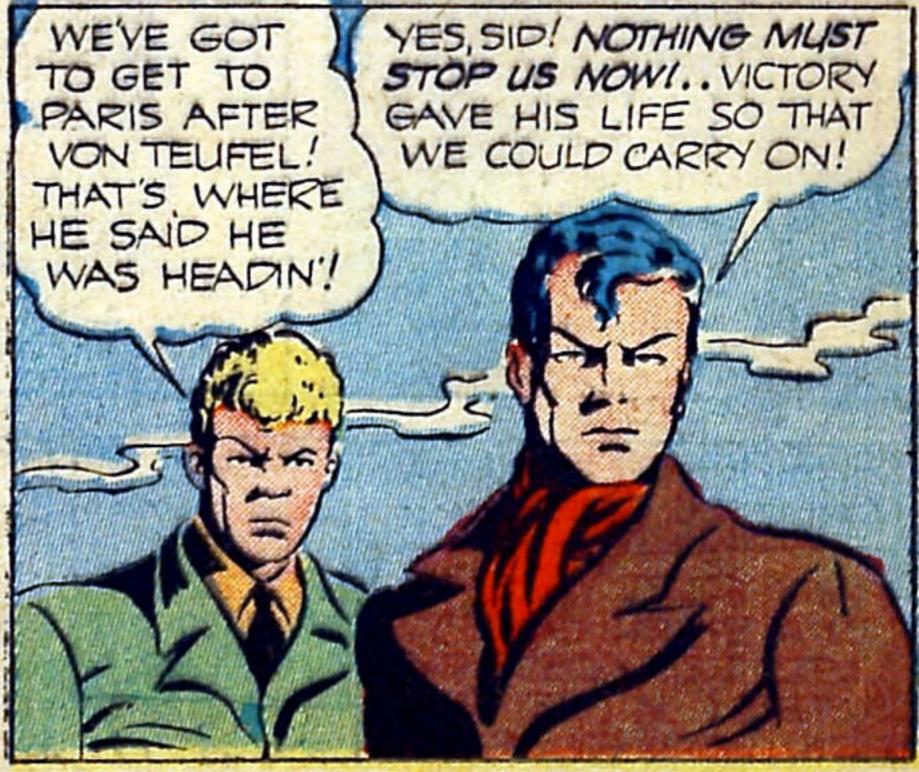




AND FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME, THE FAITHFUL DOG DISOBEYS HIS BELOVED MASTER, TO RUSH INTO THE FORTRESS WITH THE FLAMING TORCH!





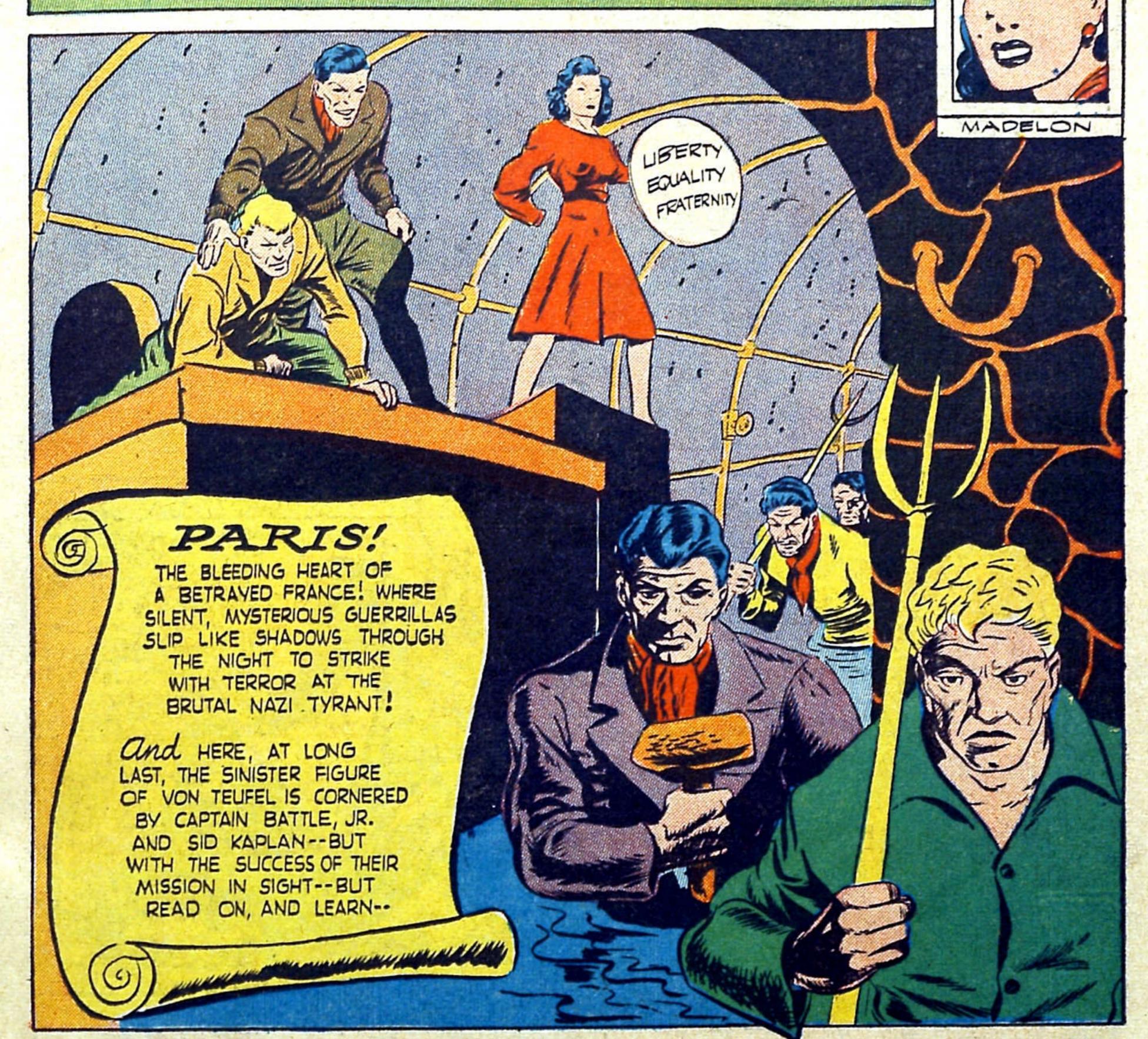


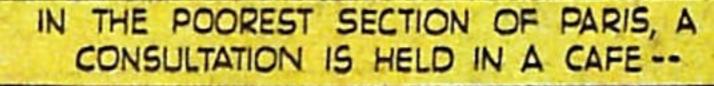
THEIR STAUNCH FRIEND --- VICTORY,
15 GONE! BUT HE WILL NEVER
BE FORGOTTEN BY CAPT. BATTLE,
JR., SID KAPLAN, AND US!

And ... THEY TURN THEIR FACES TOWARD PARIS, AND THEIR DANGEROUS MISSION ...

CHAPTER THREE

CHOST CHERTLAS!





FOR OUR MISSION, WE'LL NEED A BAND OF BRAVE PATRIOTS--

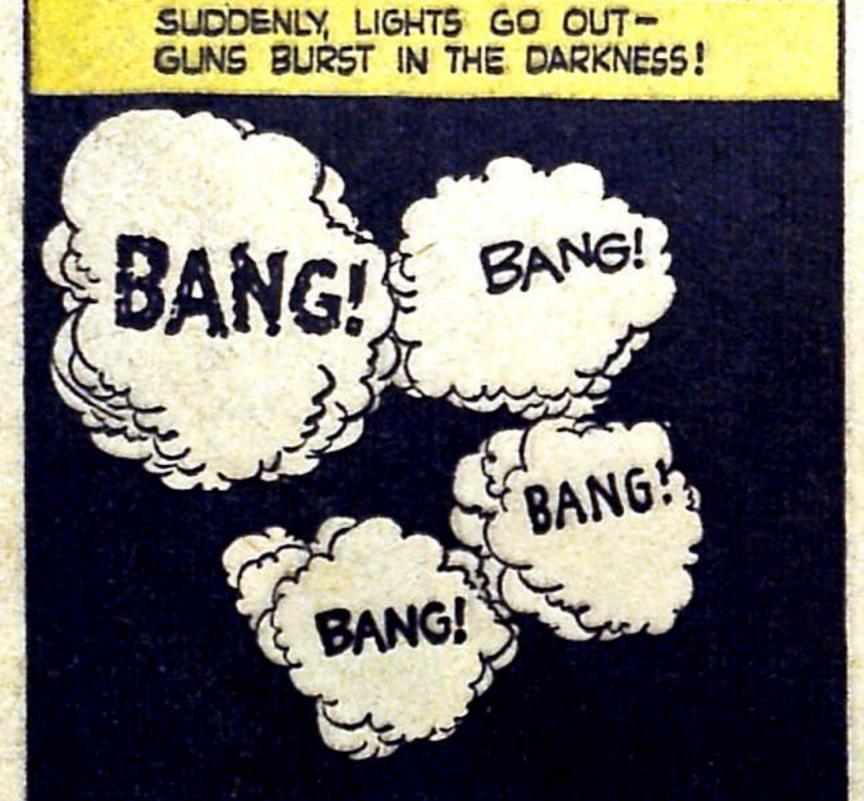
SEND YOU TO SUCH A FEAR-LESS GROUP!



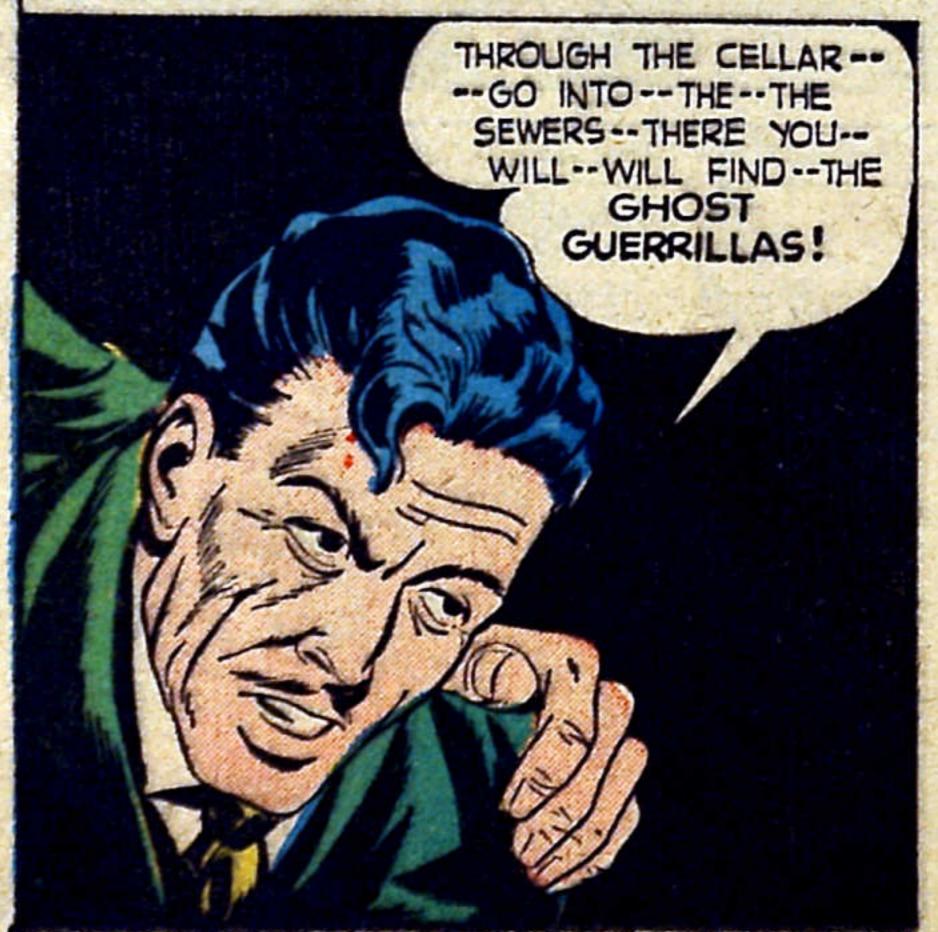


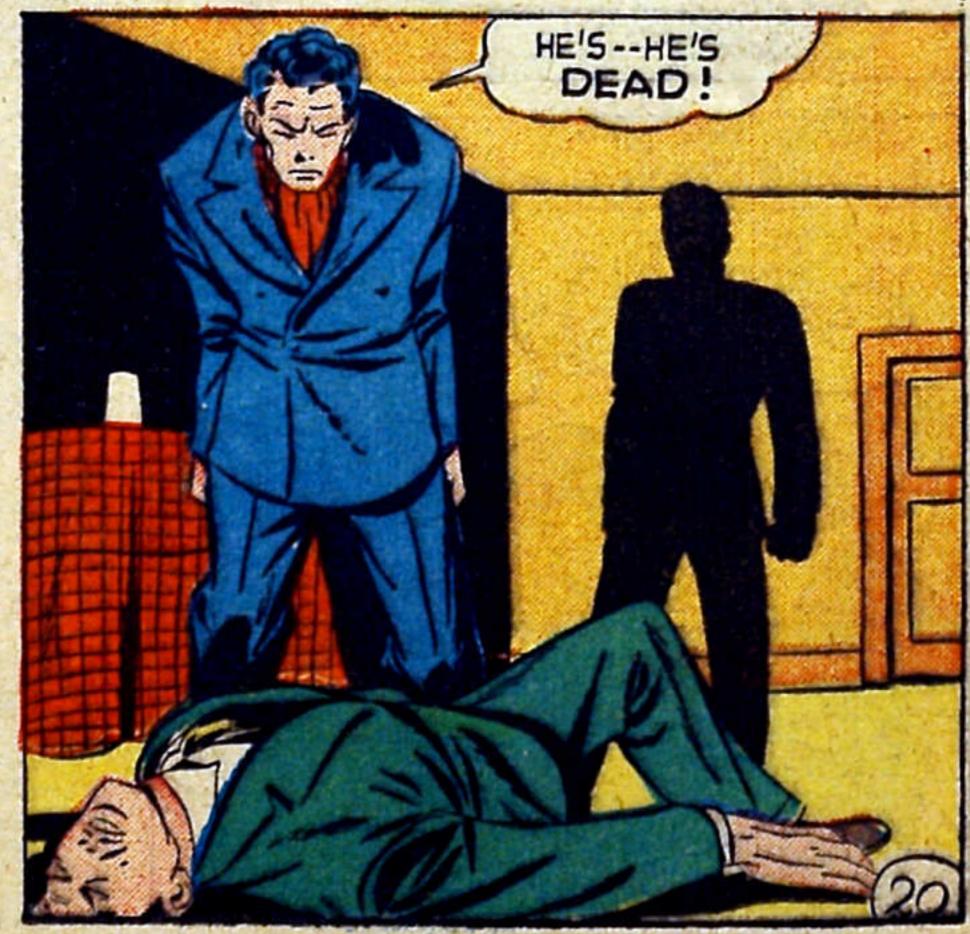












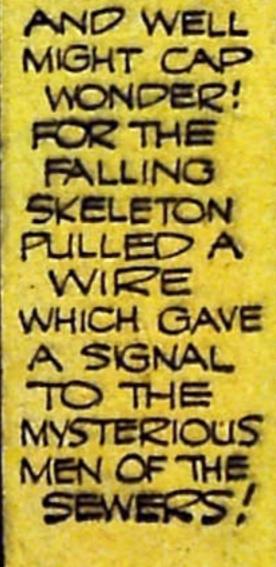
























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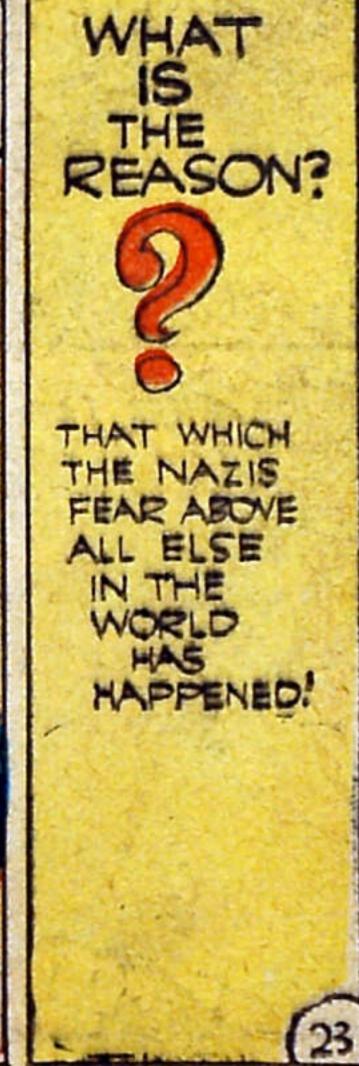


AWAY FROM THE REAR ENTRANCE

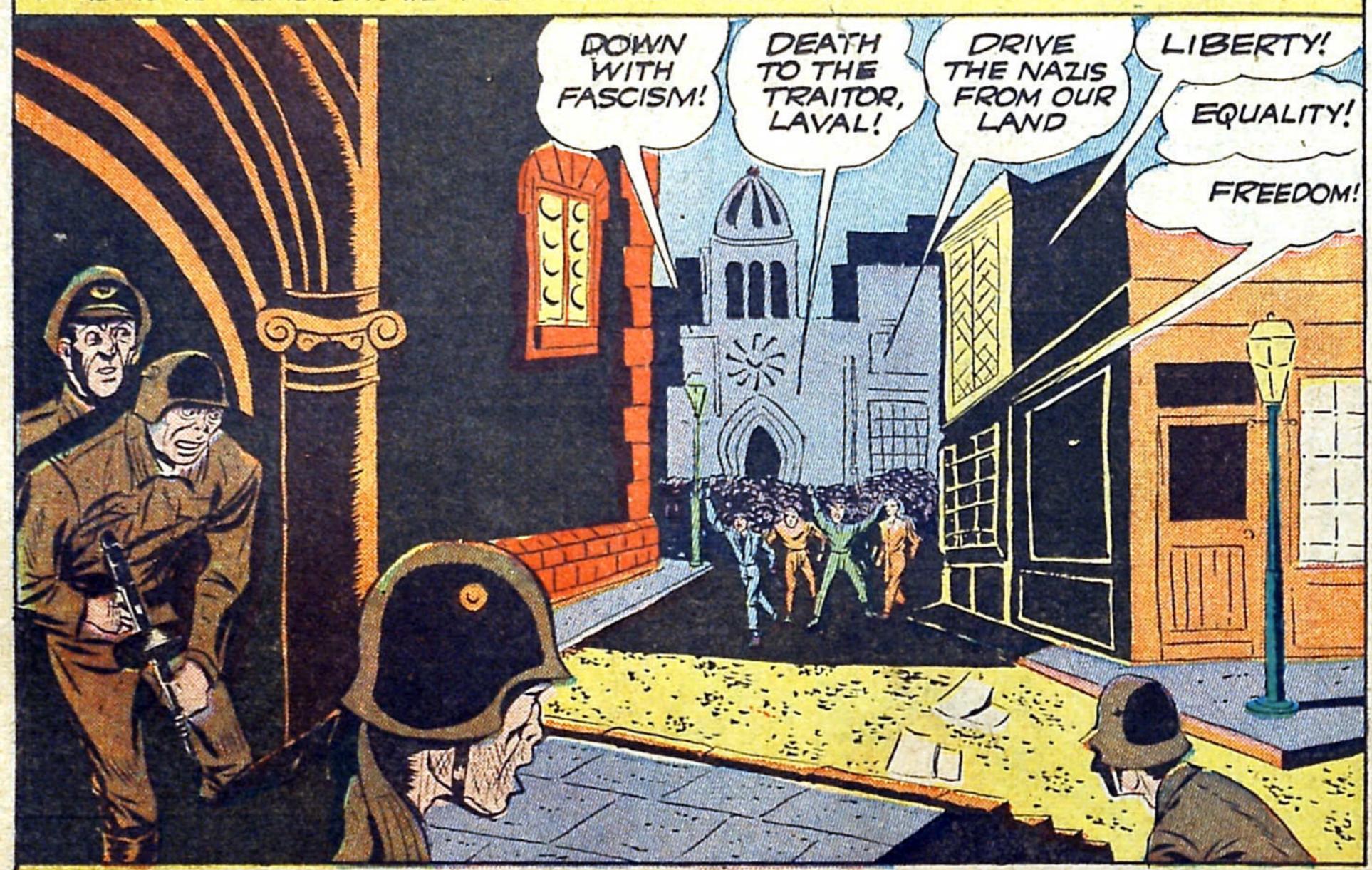


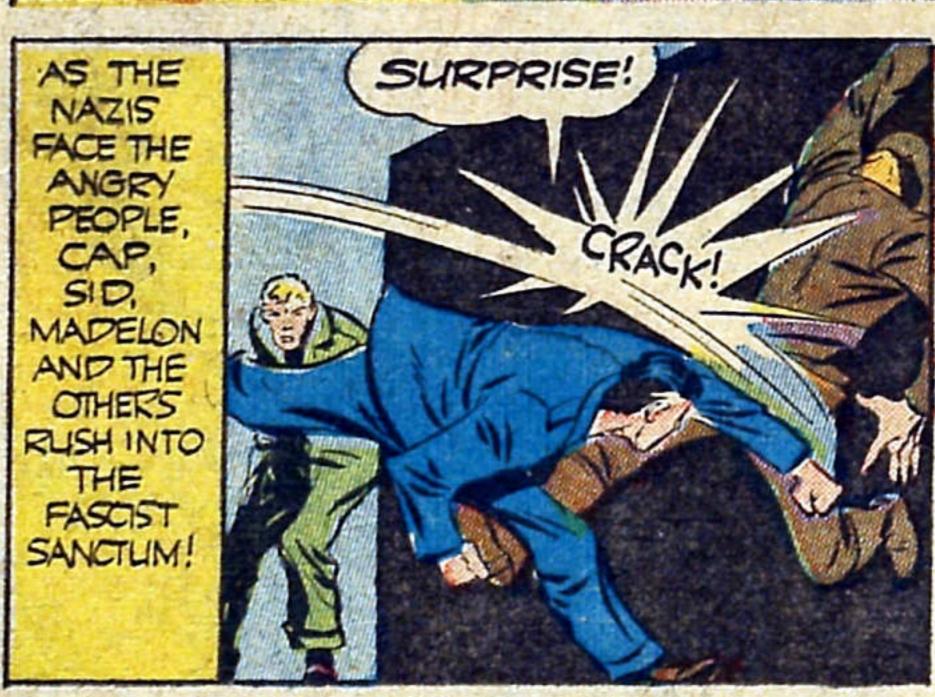






-- AND HERE IS THE HORROR THAT RISES BEFORE THE FRIGHTENED EYES OF THE NAZI OFFICALS! LED BY THE GHOST GUERILLAS, THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE COME OUT INTO THE STREETS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR LOVE OF FREEDOM! ---



















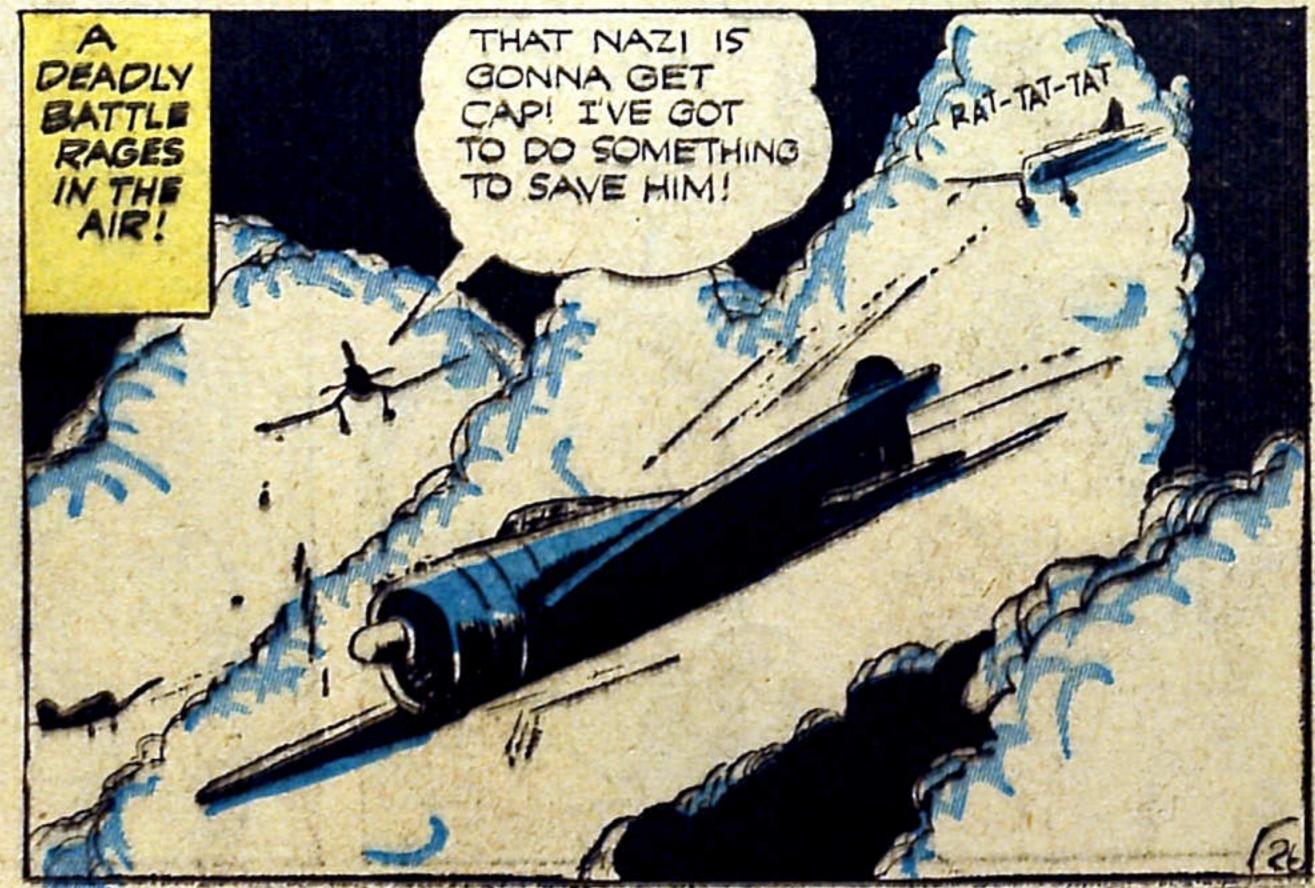


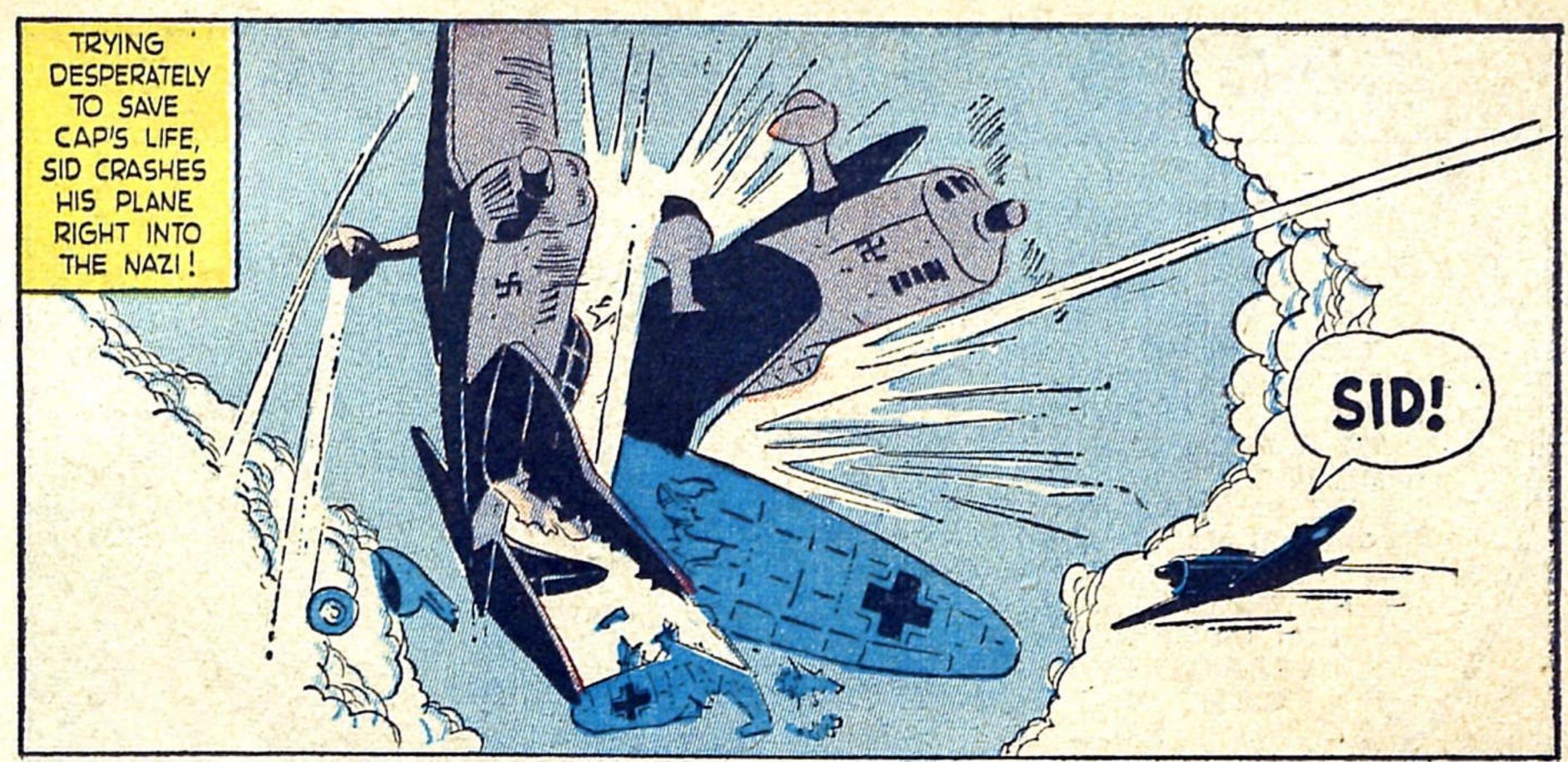




AND
IN THE
CONFUSION
SID TAKES
OFF IN
A NAZI
PLANE!









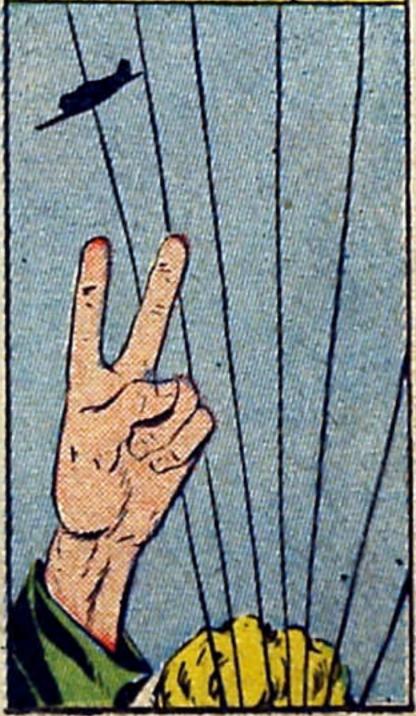




-- AND DIPS HIS PLANE
TO SALLITE FOR THE
LAST TIME A GREAT
HERO, AND HIS BEST
FRIEND--
GOODBYE --- SID!
YOU'RE -- A MIGHTY
-- BRAVE SOLDIER--



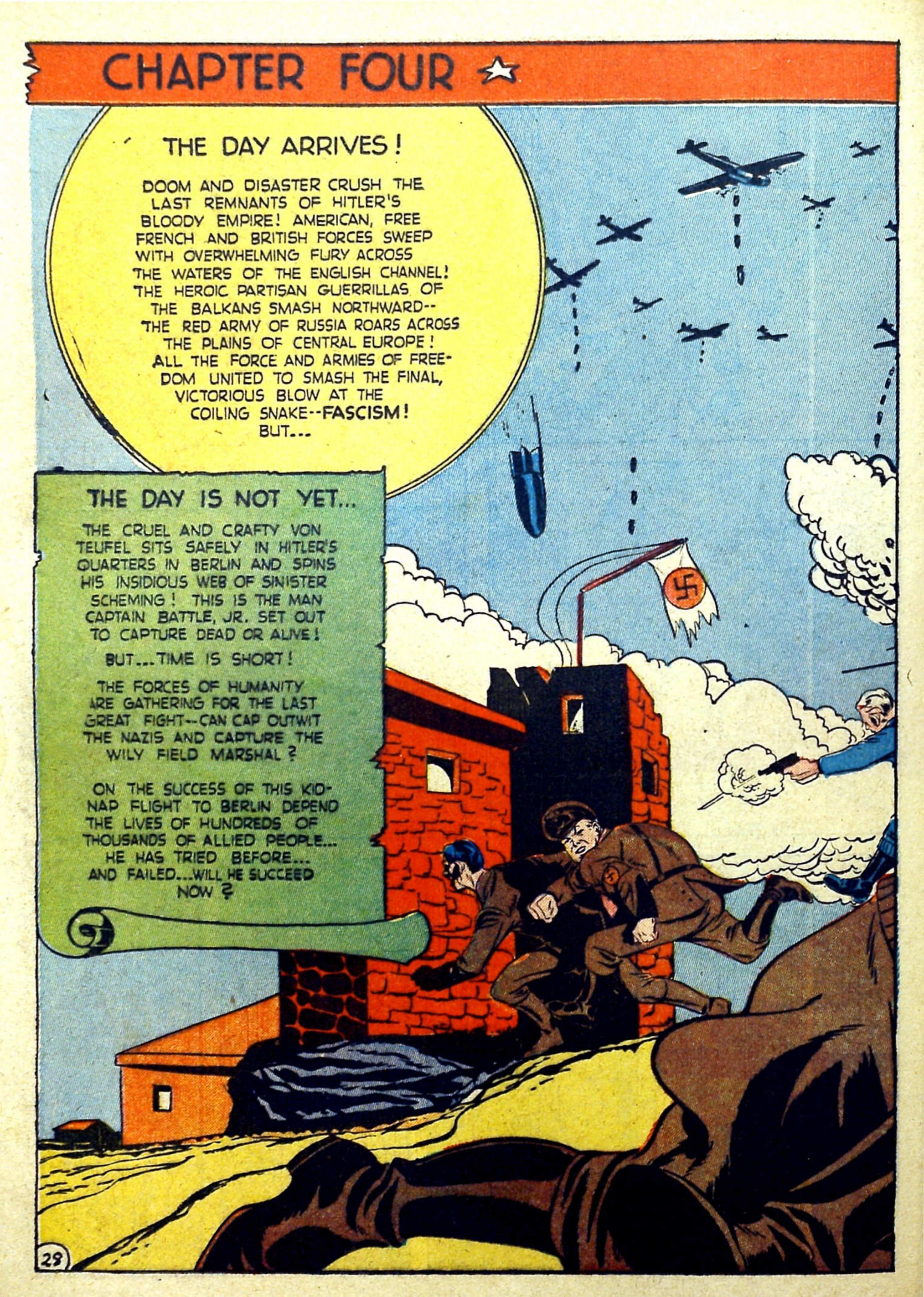
WITH THE LAST OUNCE OF HIS FADING STRENGTH, SID RAISES HIS HAND IN THE SYMBOL OF FREE PEOPLE--



ALONE NOW-CAPTAIN BATTLE,
JR. TURNS HIS
PLANE TOWARD
BERLIN, AND HIS
LAST CHANCE TO
FULFILL THE
'MISSION FOR
WHICH HIS
FRIEND GAVE
HIS LIFE!

TO THE ROAR OF THE PLANES MOTOR, HE VOWS OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
"I WILL NOT FAIL!"



























































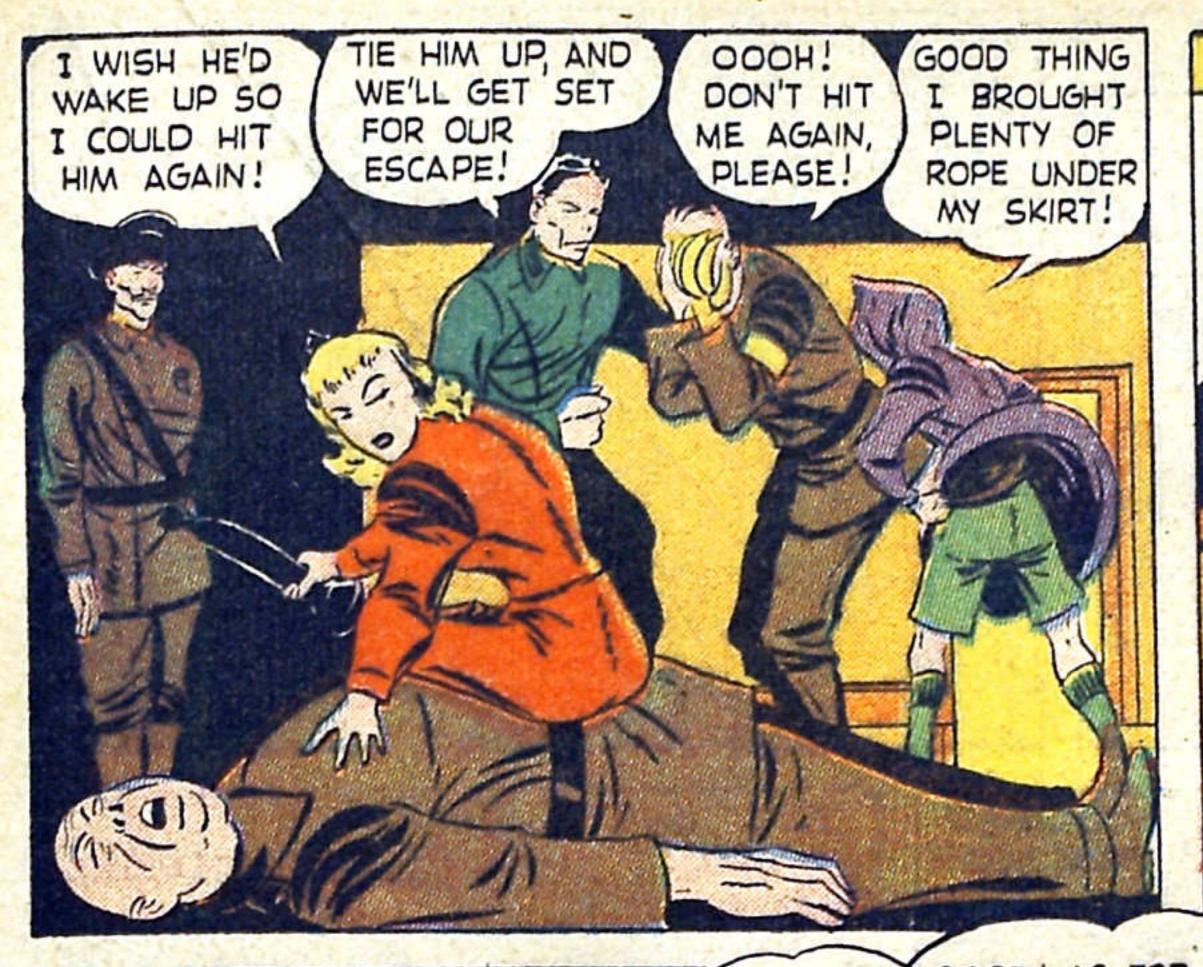










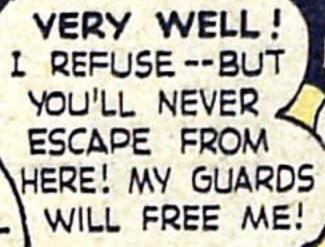




ALLIED PLANES YOU ARE A SOLDIER-BOMBING ALL WE CAN COME TO AN AGREEMENT AS HONORABLE GENTLEMEN--

THE FALSE
VON TEUFEL
VON THE YAR TIED
ARE TIED, CAP!

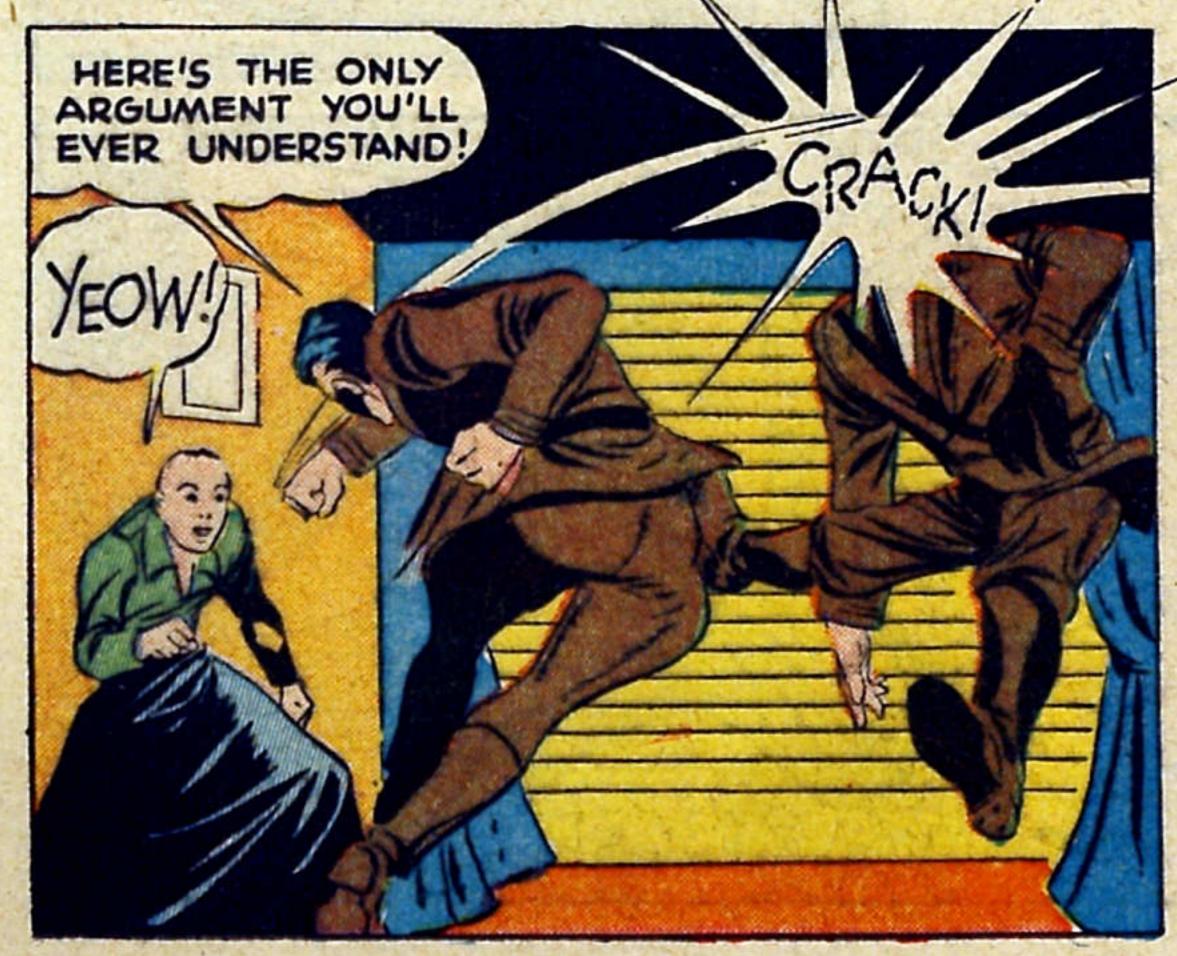
GOOD! AS FOR YOU,
VON TEUFEL, WE
ARE ANXIOUS TO
NEGOTIATE PEACE
WHEN YOU ARE LOSING -- IT'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER! AND WE DON'T
TAKE MAYBE FOR
AN ANSWER!

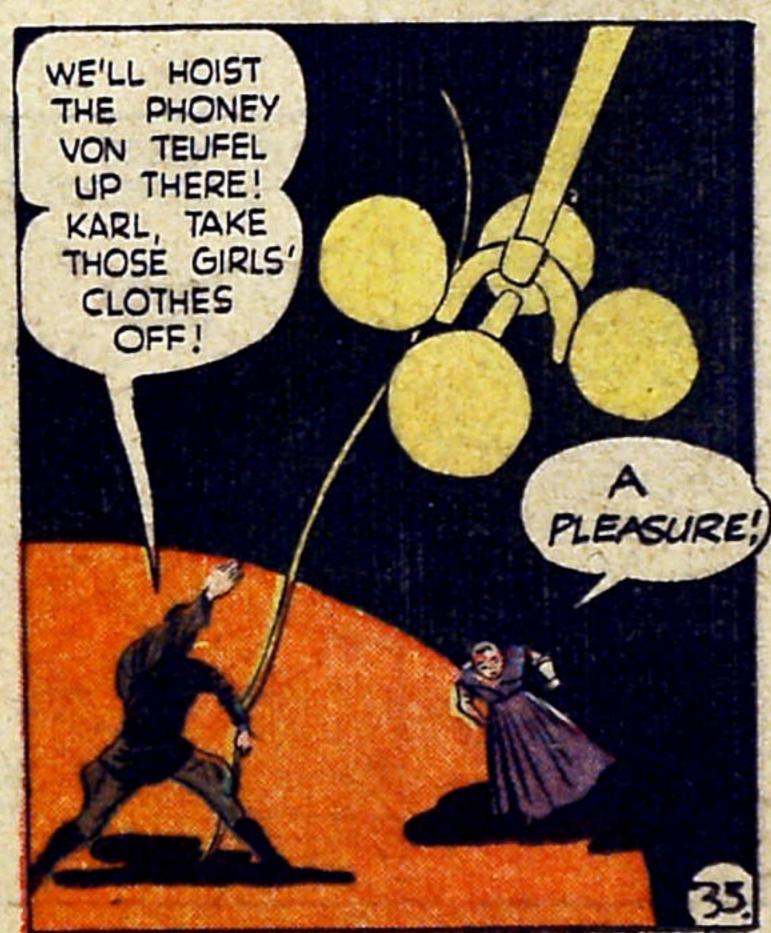


BUT I'VE GOT OTHER IDEAS ON THE SUBJECT!

















OVER HIS PRIVATE
COMMUNICATION RADIO-TELLS ME WE DID IT
JUST IN TIME -- THE
SECOND FRONT HAS
BEEN OPENED!

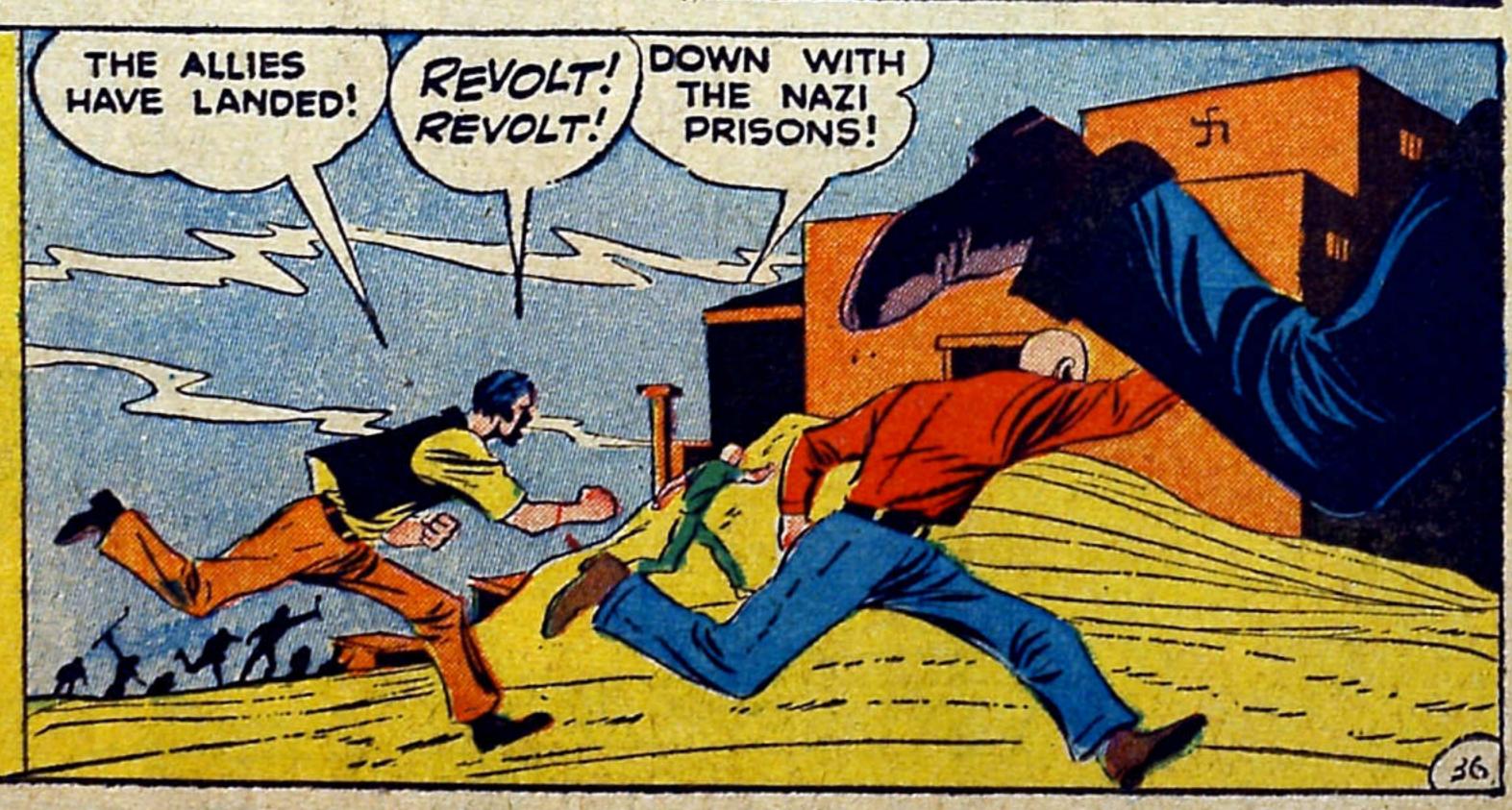


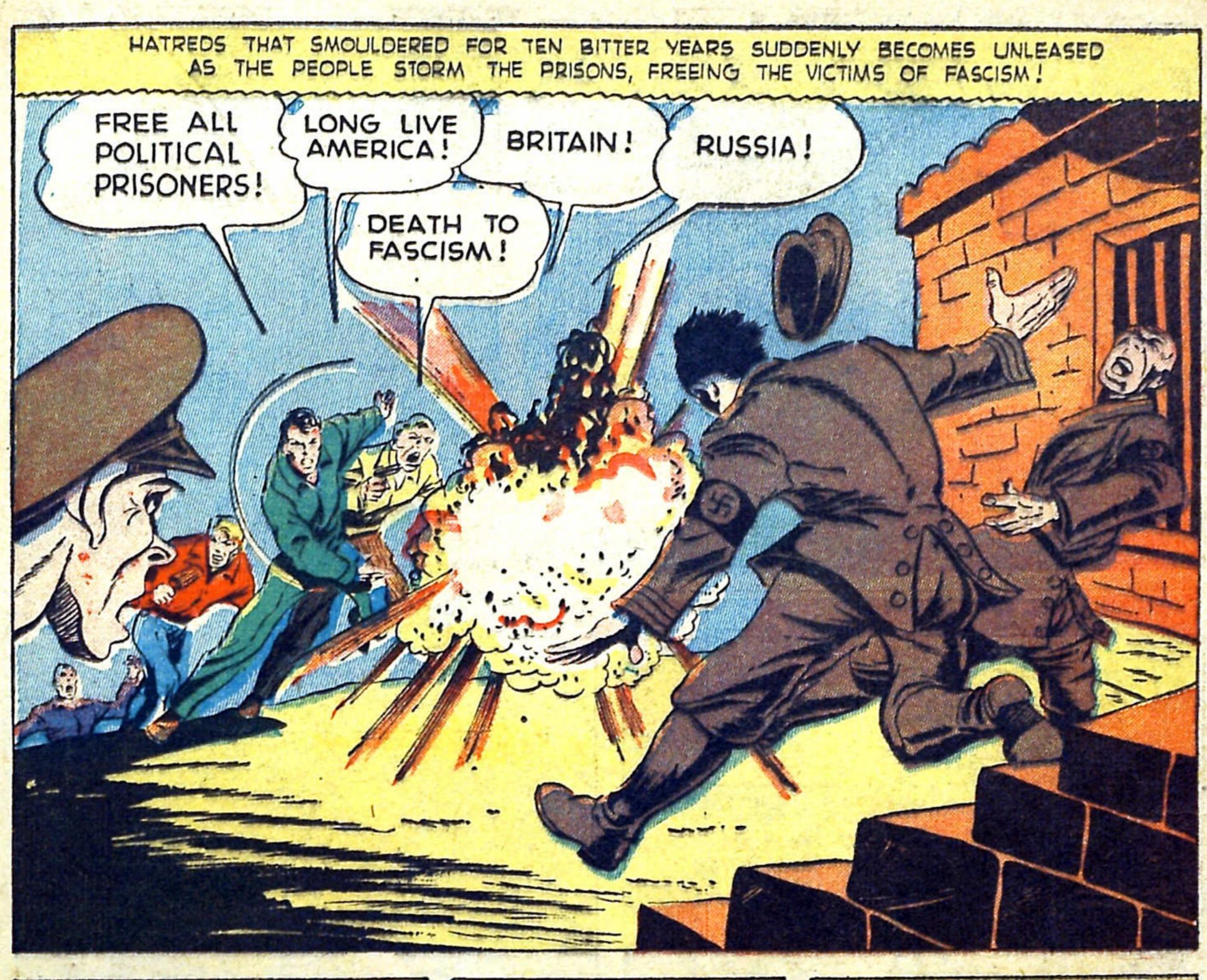
THEN I MUST REPORT TO MY POST- THE FIRST PLACE WE ATTACK IS THE PRISON!

THE PRISON! MY
FATHER'S IN THEREOLGA-KARL, GUARD
VON TEUFEL! I'M
GOING WITH HANS!

FOR FREEDOM
SPRING UP
FROM EVERYWHERE AT THE
SIGNAL OF
ALLIED
INVASION, FOR
THIS IS THE DAY
ALL LIBERTYLOVING PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN
WAITING
FOR!

THIS IS THE DAY OF GLORY!





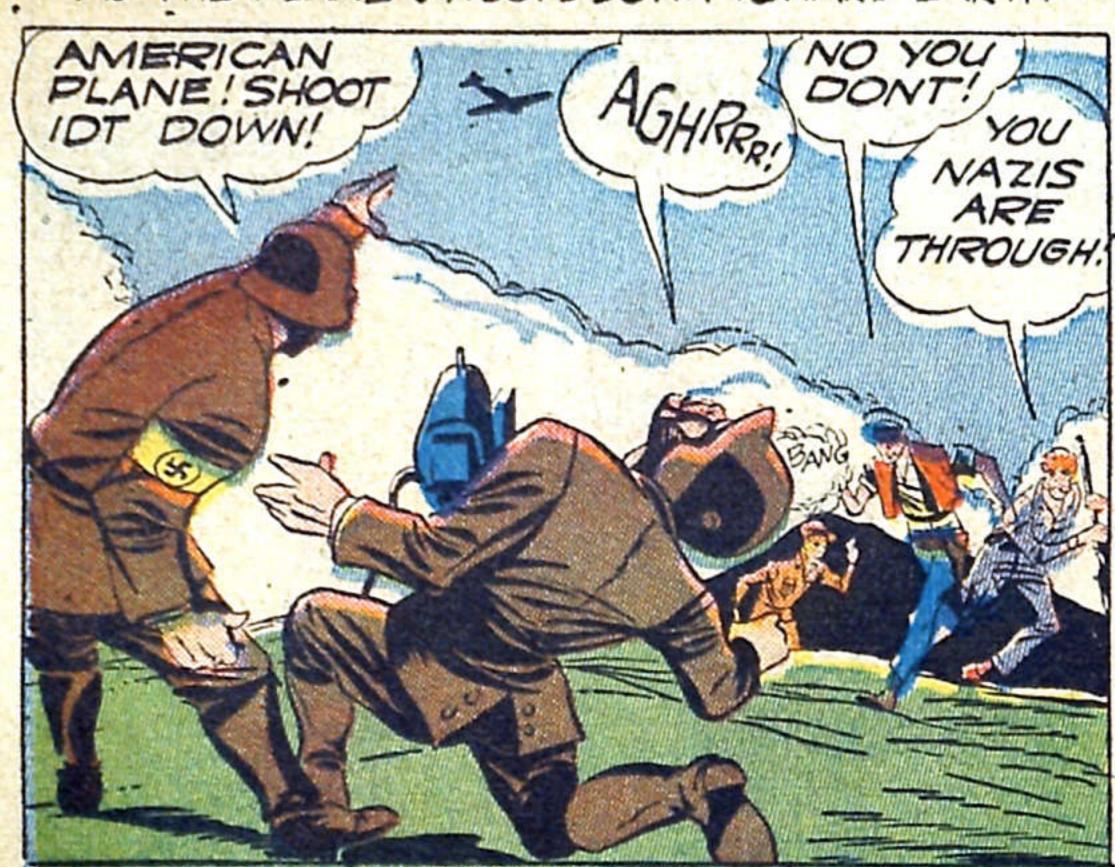






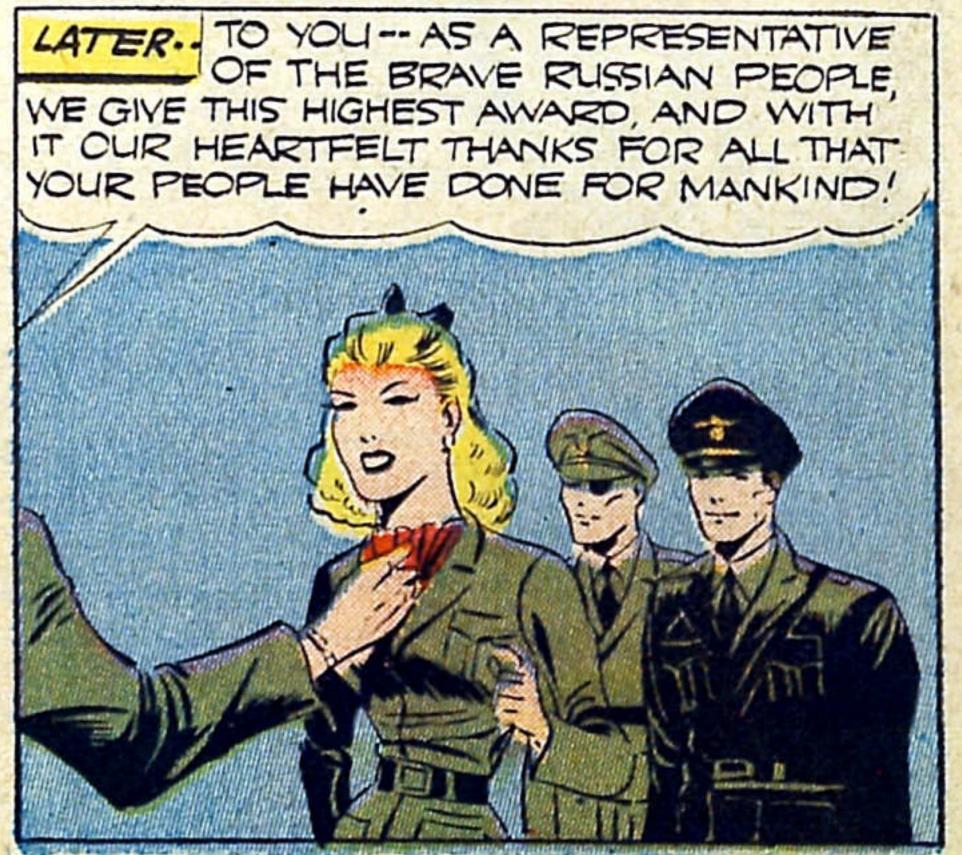
AS THE MISSION PLANE

-- AS THE PLANE SWOOPS DOWN TOWARD EARTH --

















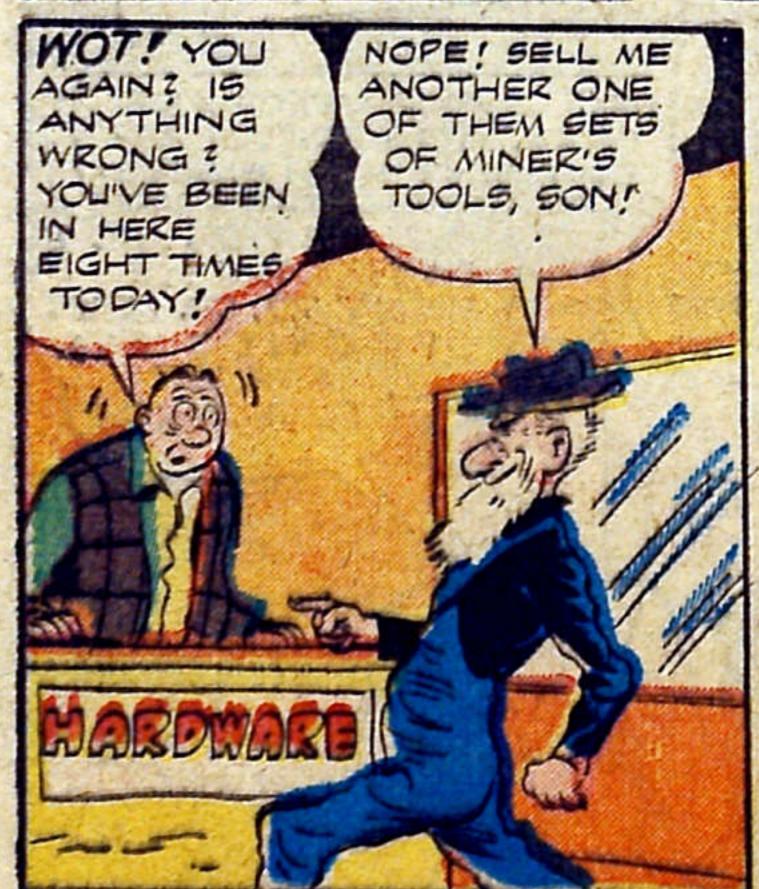


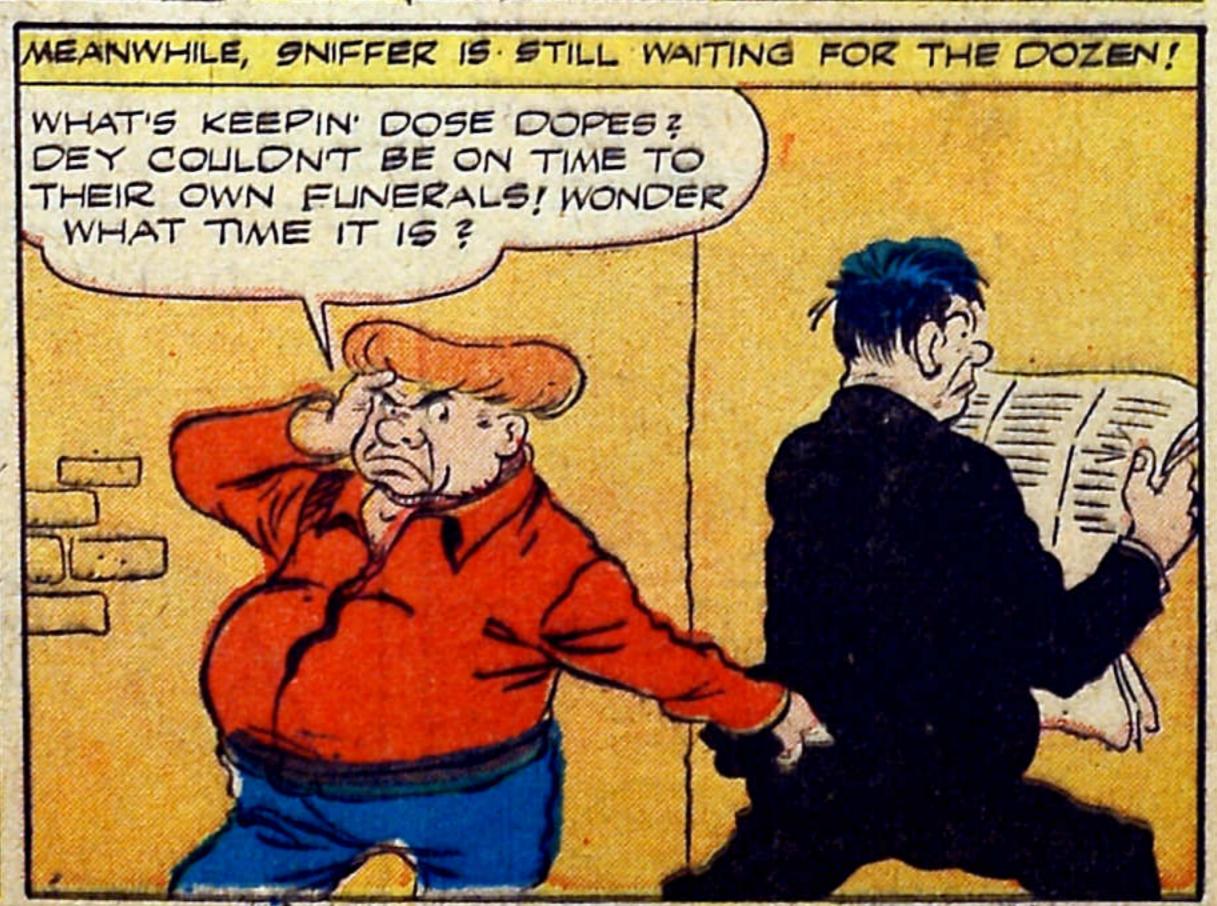


THE MINE? IT IS, AND FOR A
YOU MEAN PALTRY CONSIDERAIT'S SOME TION OF -- \$ 10000 WHERE'S I MIGHT BE TEMPTED
AROUND TO DIVULGE THE
LOCATION! MY
EQUIPMENT'LL
COST ZO BUCKS
EXTRY!







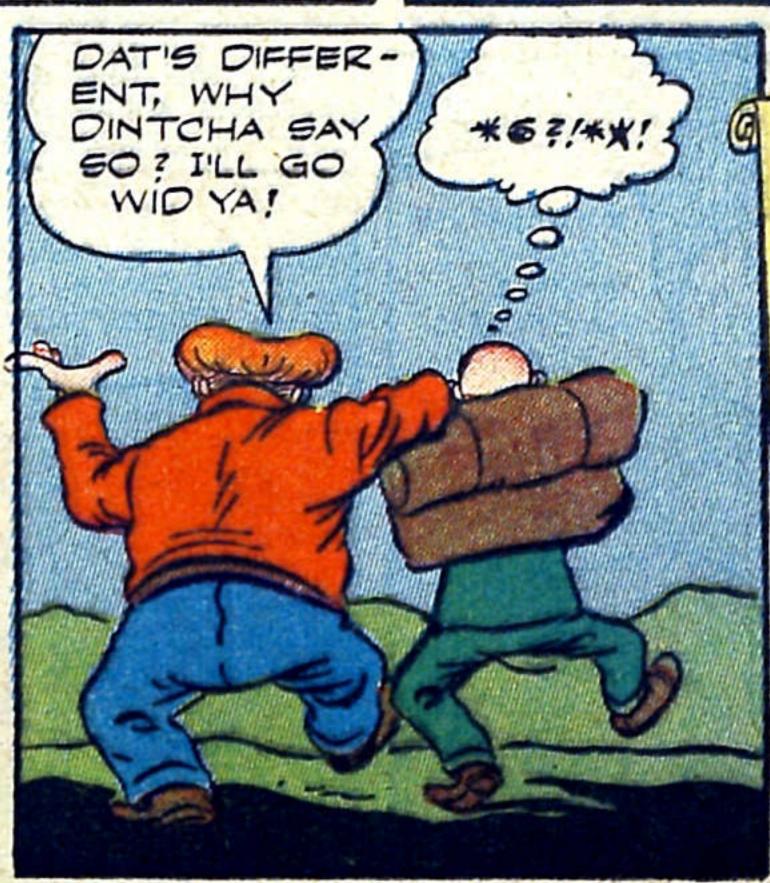


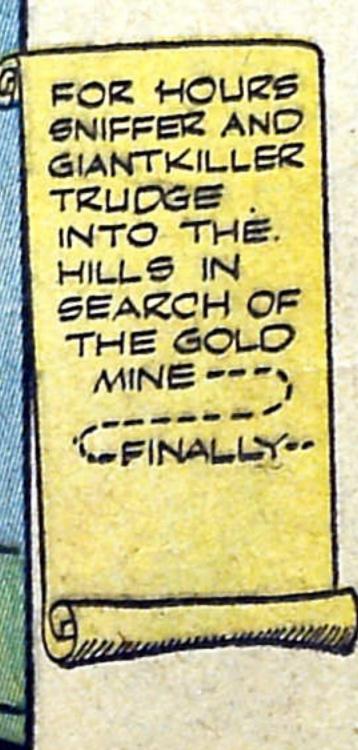




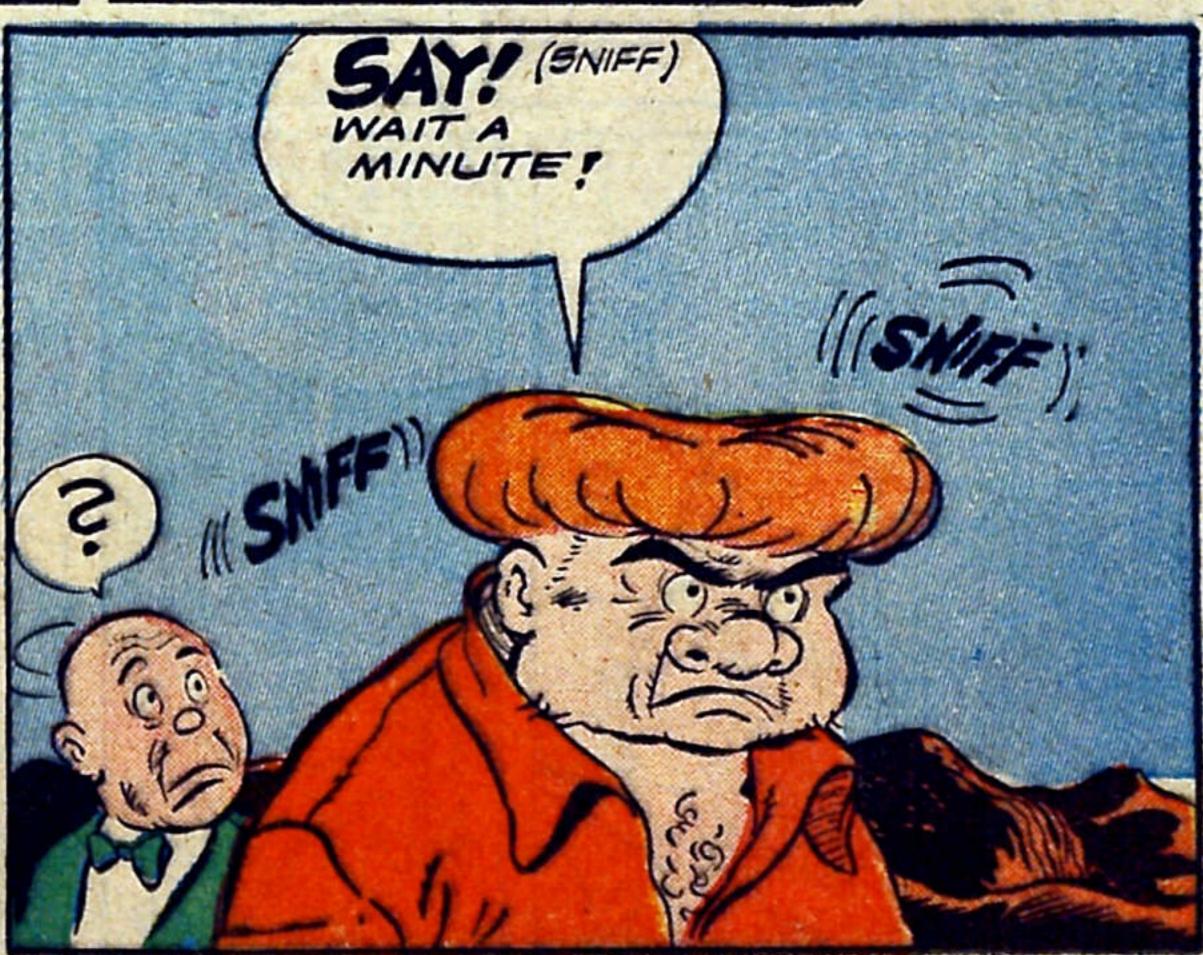




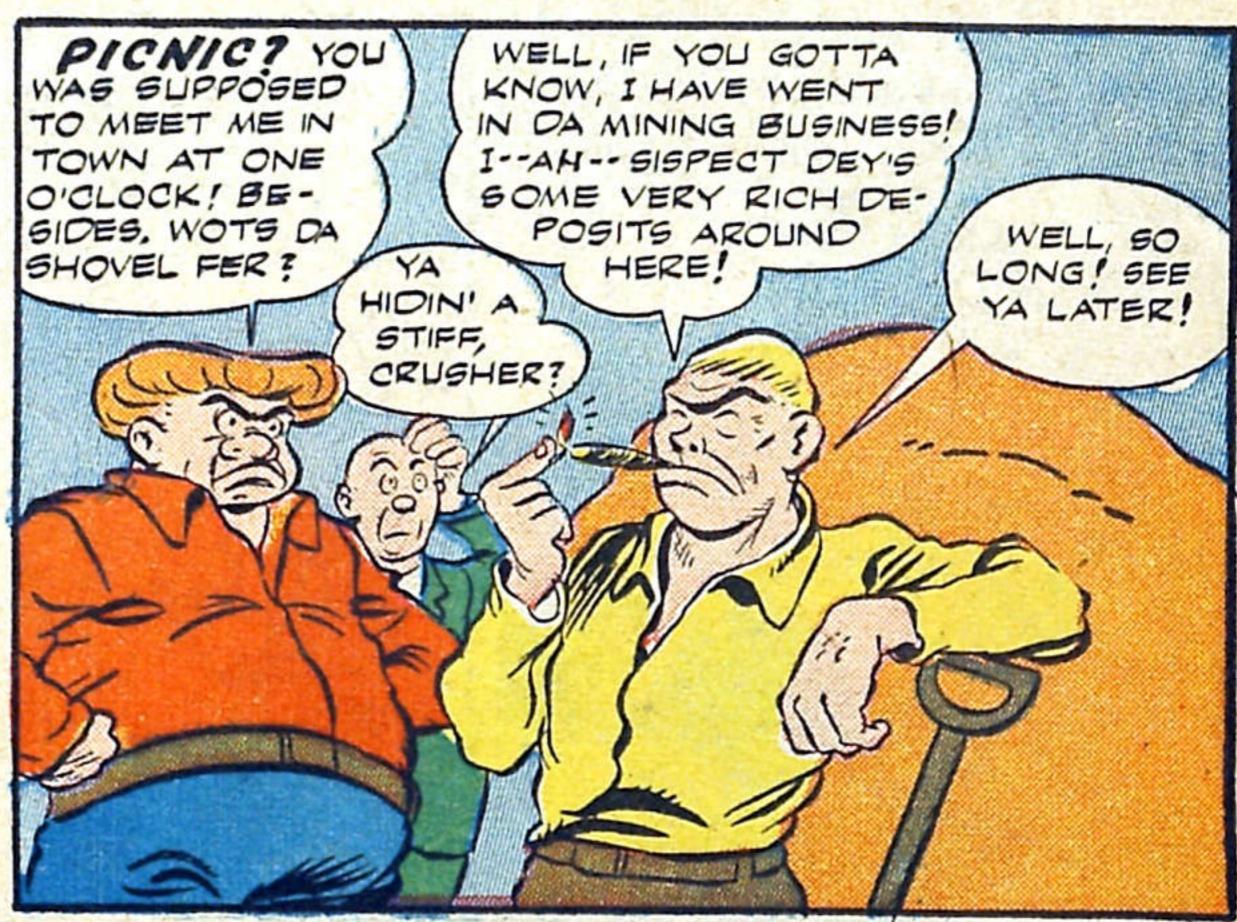


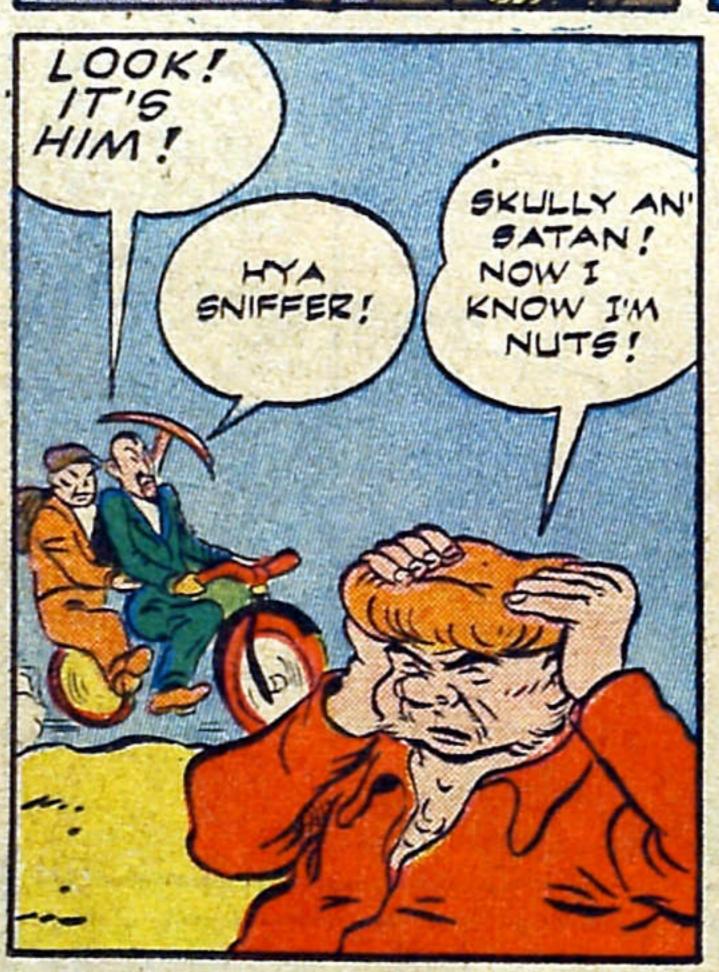


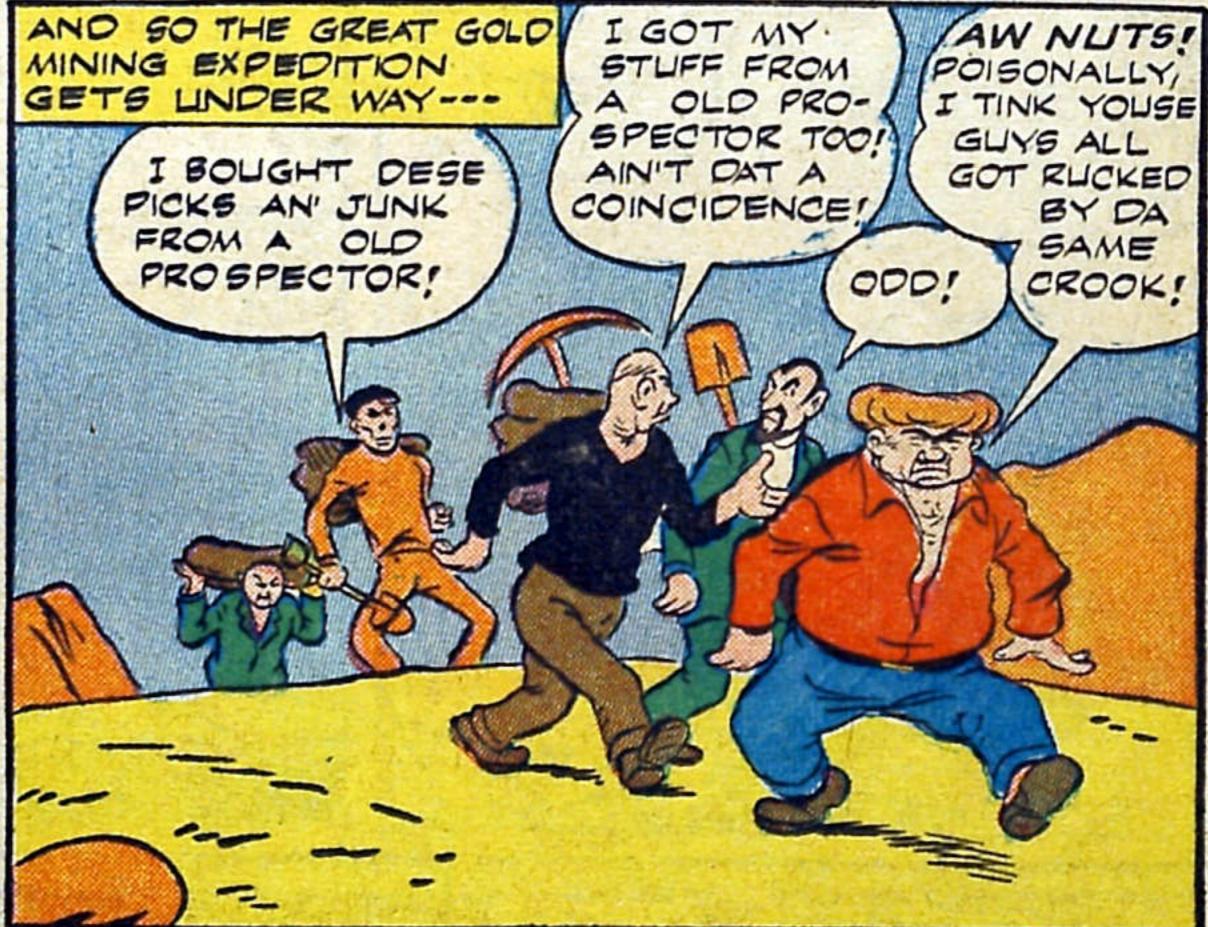




































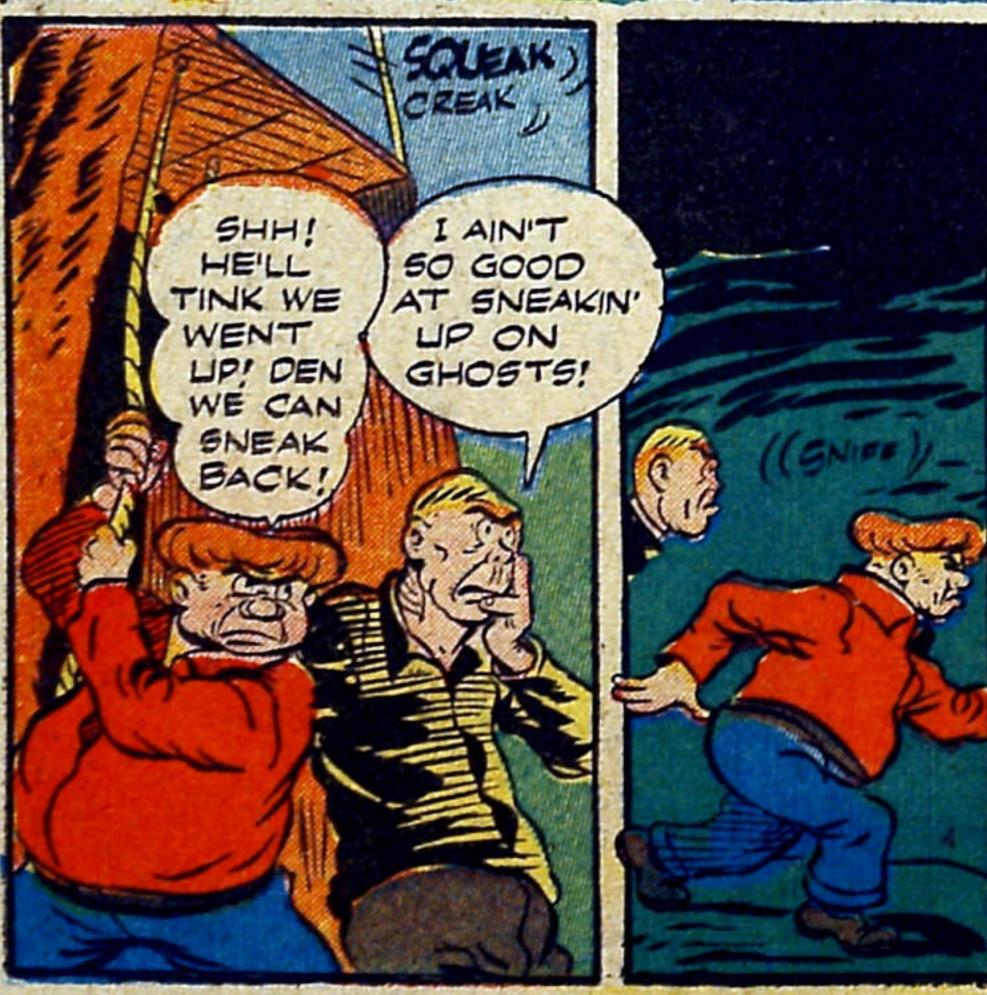






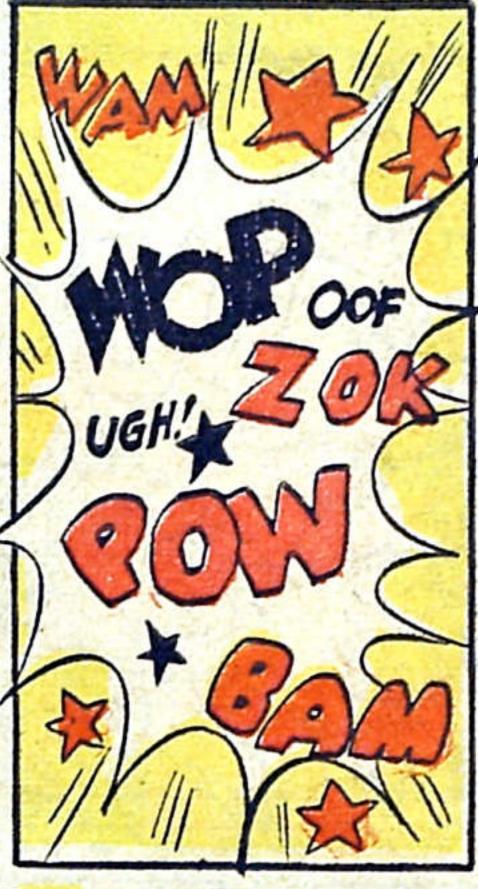


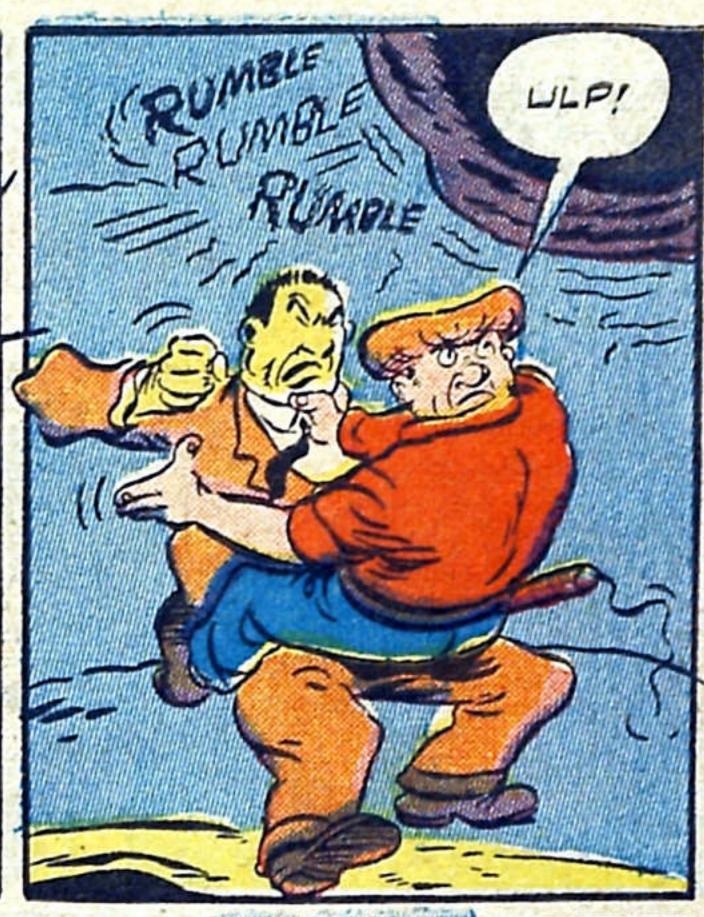


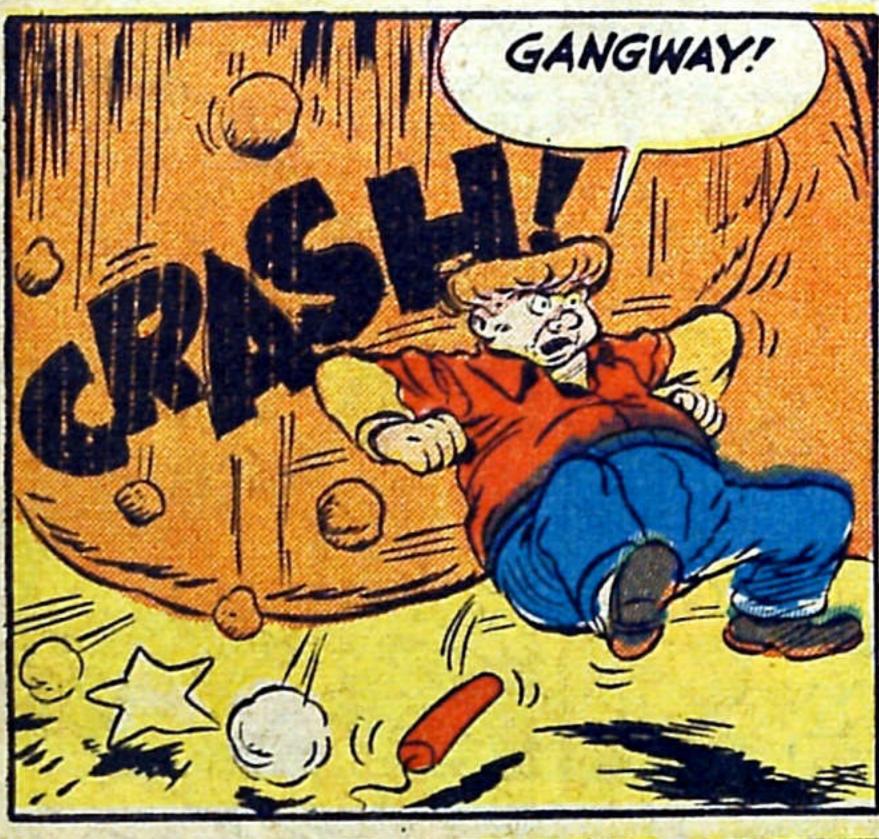


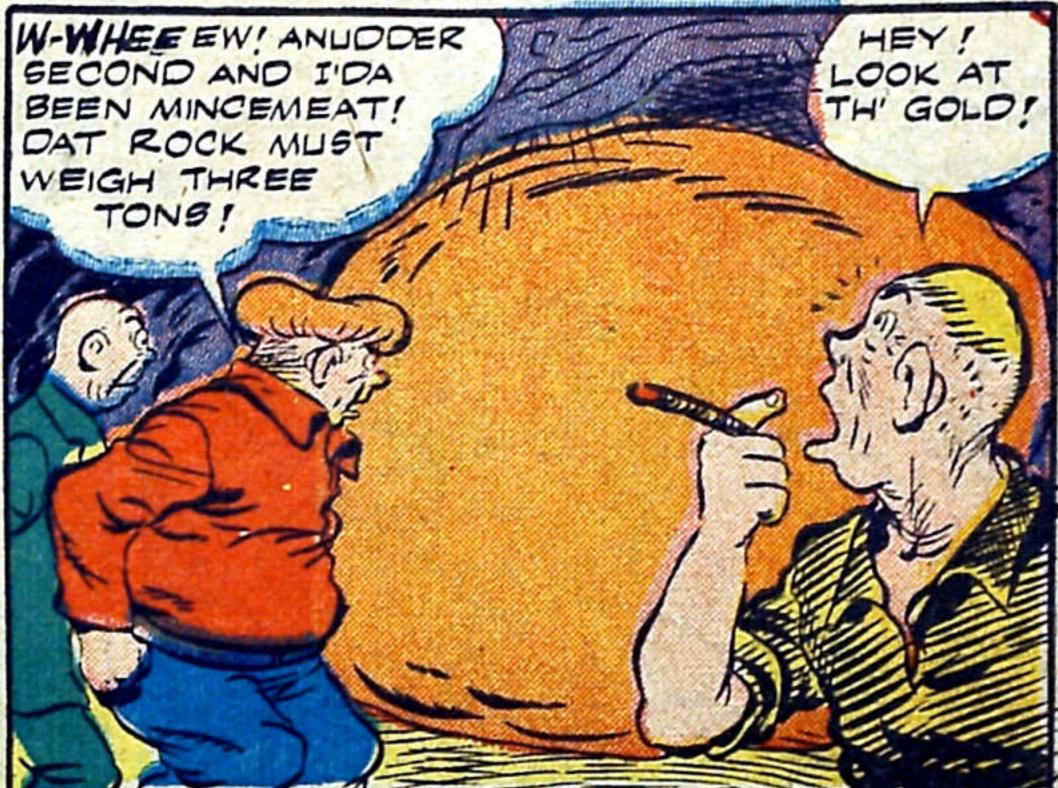










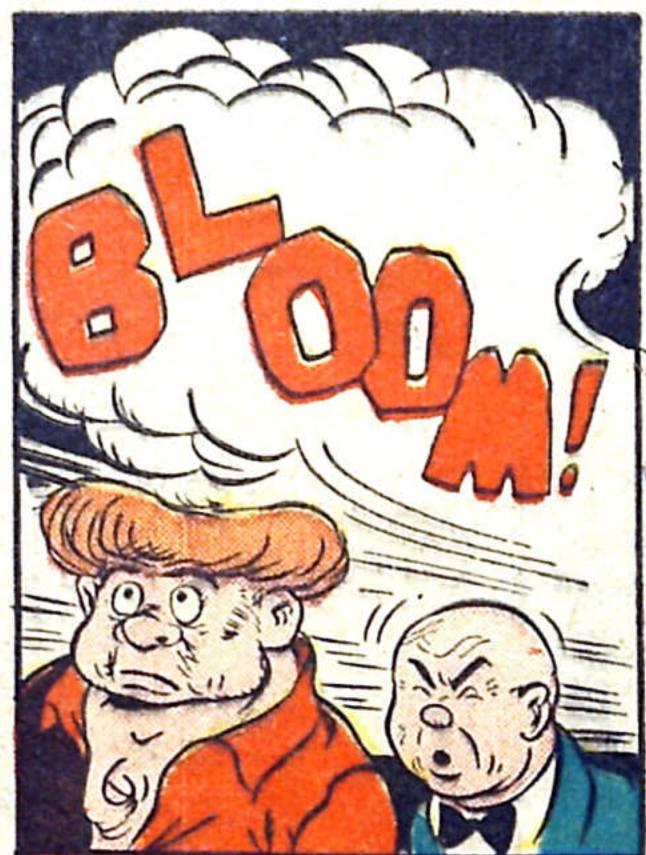






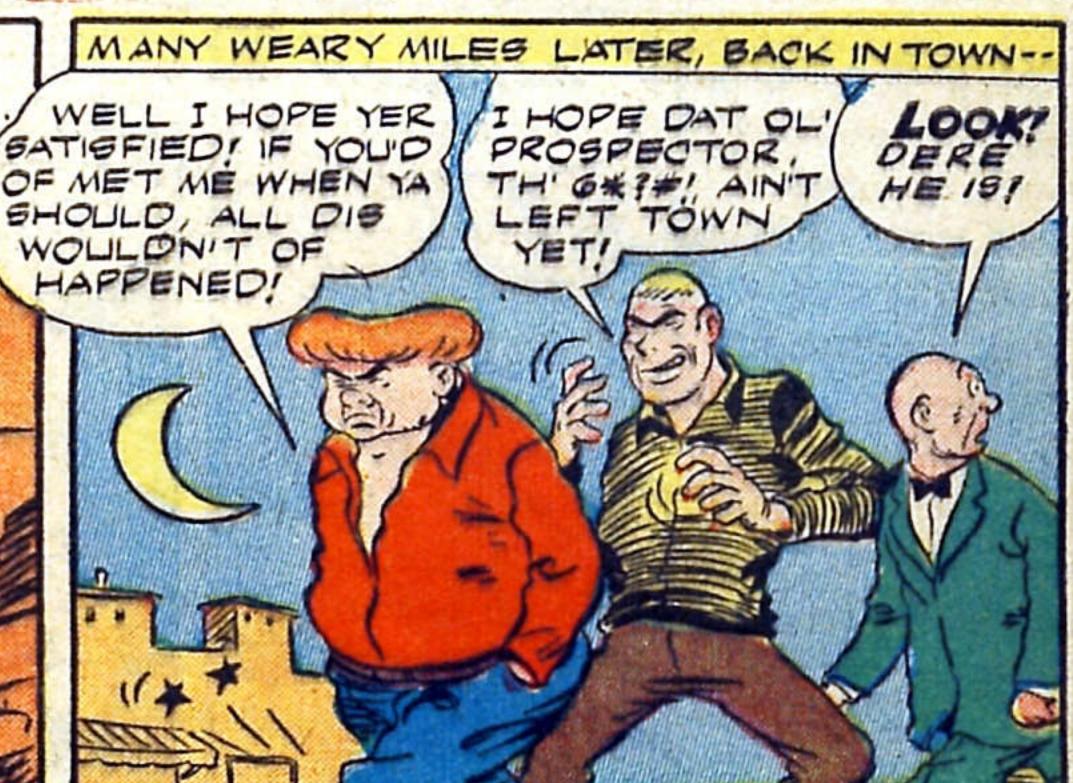


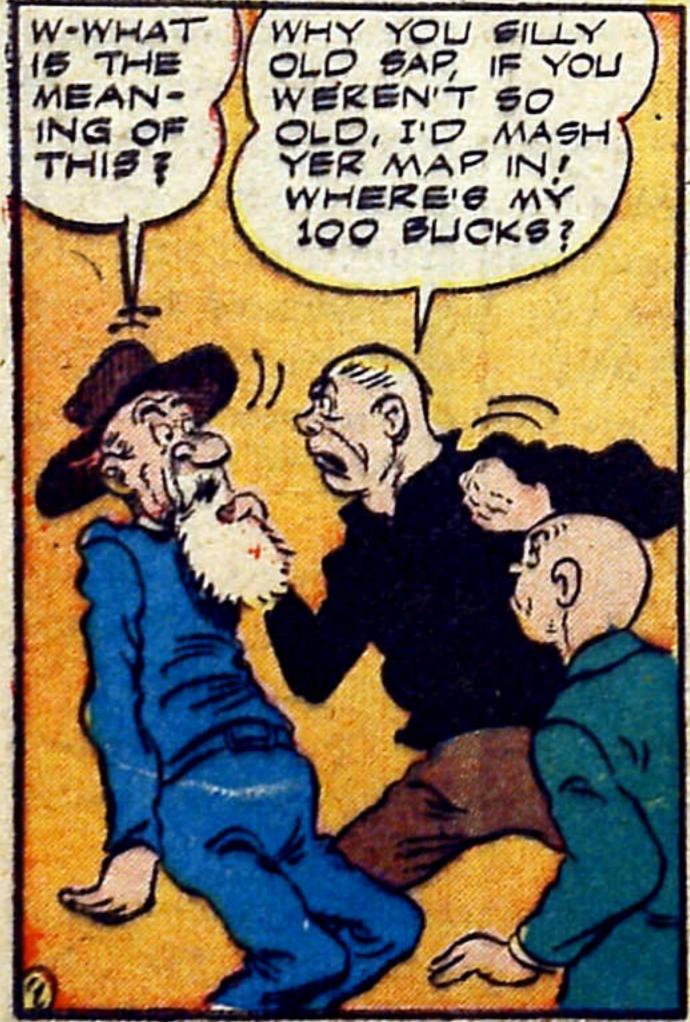
















TOLD IN BLOOD

by Joe Greene

THE hours of slow, stealthy approach through the treacherous coral reefs were over. In the early morning haze, the landing barges had come in close to shore. And then the Marines charged across the sandy beach, their steel bayonets glinting in the sunlight. Caught by surprise, the Japanese garrison was quickly overwhelmed. But a few of

them had gotten away.

Now Captain Jenkins was crouching in the thick undergrowth and rubbing the week-old beard on his chin. He was staring across the level strip of land which the Japanese had made into a first class landing field. On the other side, the few Japanese who had escaped the daring raid, had set up a heavy-caliber machine-gun. Now they were raking the field from end to end. A squad of Marines had been sent to work their way around to the rear of the machine-gun nest. But it would be hours before they cut their way through the thick, jungle undergrowth. And meanwhile Army bombers were already on their way to use this field. A landing would be suicidal in the face of the Japanese fire.

It was up to him to have this field ready for use, Captain Jenkins knew. He would be blamed for any slip-up. The high command counted heavily on the use of this airfield to blast Japanese ships out of the surrounding seas. It was his job now to clear the Japanese

machine-gun nest out.

"Sergeant Ross!" Captain Jenkins called out.
"Come here."

Down the line, a handsome young Marine raised his head. Cautiously he crept from treetrunk to tree-trunk until he crouched beside his Captain. "Yes, sir?"

"I'm going to try to make a run for the

other side! Cover with rapid rifle fire!"

"Yes, sir!" Sergeant Ross replied. Then he hesitated, studying the open field in front of him. "May I make a suggestion, sir?" he asked.

"What is it?"

"I used to run for my high school track team," Sergeant Ross explained. "Let me try it first, sir. I could sprint across before they could get their rifle sights on me, sir! Please!"

Captain Jenkins hesitated for a long time. Finally he agreed. "If you fail to get across, Sergeant, I'll never forgive myself for letting

you try it...."

"Thank you, sir," Sergeant Ross replied. He laid aside his rifle and picked up an extra hand-grenade. Then he crept to the very edge of the clearing. "I'm ready, sir," he announced, his voice full of quiet confidence.

"Good luck, Marine!" Captain Jenkins whis-

pered hoarsely.

A split second after the order to fire had been given, Sergeant Charlie Ross leaped out of his cover and began to sprint across the field.

"Pow! Pow!" Several bullets whistled past his ears. "Mighty close!" Charlie thought as he raced for the cover of the jungle on the other side of the field. Little clumps of dirt flew all around him as the bullets hit the ground. Then a whole string of little explosions threw the earth up just ahead of him. The machine-gun was trained on him! He swerved to one side and continued his mad race across the field. Then something hit him over the head like a sledge-hammer. He staggered and fell. For a moment he lay on the ground, stunned.

He felt his head which throbbed painfully. The steel helmet was gone. When he looked at his hand, it was covered with blood. "I guess they creased me that time—but it takes more than that to knock a Marine out of the

He rose to his feet and continued his run toward the wooded grove ahead. He could hear a hoarse cheer from his buddies behind him when they saw him get up. But the Japanese had seen him, too. And now the air was thick with flying bullets.

His legs were pumping madly. The thicket ahead was growing larger and nearer with every step. "I'll make it! I'll make it!" he kept saying over and over again. Now the jungle was but a few feet away. "Another few steps and I'm across!"

Suddenly something hit him in the shoulder. It packed the wallop of a mule's kick. He spun around from the force of the blow. Another bullet struck him in the ribs. Another in the thigh. Then the earth seemed to rise up toward him and hit him in the face. He lay still, face down.

How long he lay there he never found out. But slowly he became aware of the stickiness of his clothes clinging to his body. He knew it was his own blood, flowing from his wounds, soaking his clothes. He dug his fingers into the earth and began to drag himself forward. Just ahead was the jungle. After what seemed like a lifetime, he crawled into the undergrowth. He lay there listing for a while. He remembered exactly where the machine-gun was hidden. He still had to knock it out!

Painfully, he began to crawl toward the machine-gun nest. Every part of his body hurt. But he gritted his teeth and kept going. "I've got to get them before I bleed to death!" he said to himself.

When he got near enough to the Japanese soldiers, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a hand-grenade. It was covered with his own blood. Something was sticking to it. Charlie looked at the piece of paper and remembered suddenly. It was a letter from home—from his mother. He had read it over so many times he knew every word of it by heart. He put the letter on the ground in front of him, gently, lovingly. Then he raised himself and looked over the bushes. The Japanese were very close to him, too close for the grenade. But he had no strength to throw it far. He could manage, he knew, to throw it only a short distance.

He raised the grenade and pulled the pin out with his teeth. Then he waited several seconds. With his last ounce of strength, he heaved it and fell flat on his face. A second later, the explosion tossed pieces of earth and bushes over him. But Sergeant Charlie Ross no longer cared. He was lying still, his hand grasping the letter from his mother. His mind was wandering deliriously.

He thought he was looking into the face of his mother and she was smiling at him. Her lips were forming words and he watched carefully. He heard her speak the words of the letter clutched in his hand.

"... and take care of yourself, son. You are fighting for all of us back home, for your mother and the kids on the block. ... We know it. We are doing everything to help.... Yesterday I went to the Red Cross and gave my blood. ... Who knows whose life that blood may someday save ... it—it might be your life, my son. ..."

And then the image of his mother faded. Everything went black and Sergeant Charlie Ross knew no more.

Captain Jenkins looked at the still body of Sergeant Ross. The first aid man was bending over him.

"It's no use, sir!" the first aid man said.
"He's lost so much blood we'll never get him back to the first aid station alive!"

"We've got to!" Captain Jenkins snapped back. "Get that blood plasma ready! We'll give him a transfusion right here!" He picked up a bayonetted rifle and jabbed it into the ground beside Sergeant Ross. Then he taped the jar of life-saving fluid to the butt end of the rifle. "We've got to save him!"

It was when they were placing him into a stretcher to carry him to the first aid station that Sergeant Ross opened his eyes. He saw the smiling face of Captain Jenkins bending over him.

"You'll be all right now, Sergeant. That blood plasma from the Red Cross saved your life!"

Sergeant Ross grinned and nodded his head weakly. Then he said something that puzzled Captain Jenkins for weeks afterward.

"Thanks, mother . . ." Charlie whispered, a smile on his face.







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NEW YORK, N.Y.

OCTOBER 1, 1943

COMPLETE FINAL

EXTRA! EXTRA! CLAW AND HITLER DISAGREE AGAIN





TWO CLOWNS FEUDING

BERLIN HINTS CLAW MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HITLER'S SUSPECTED DISAPPEARANCE LAST JANUARY

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CLAW GETTING IN HITLER'S HAIR!!

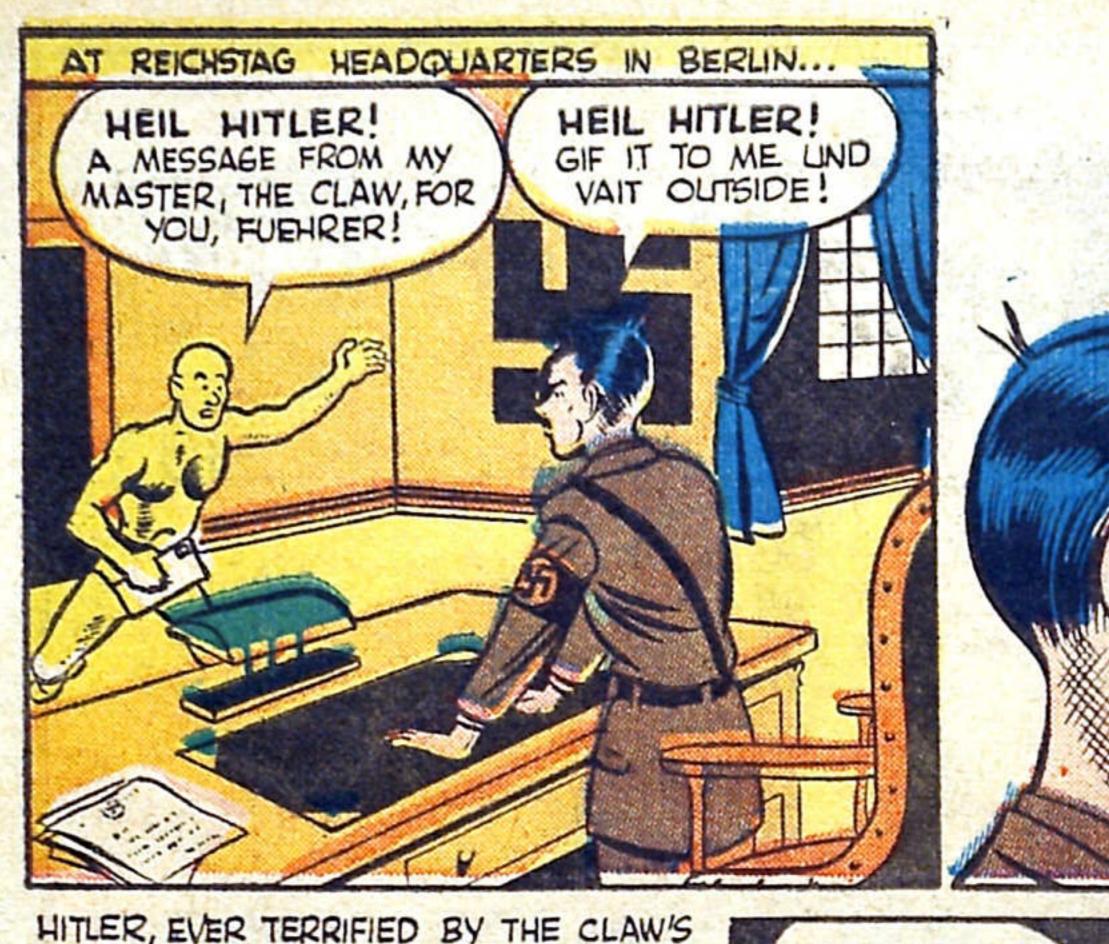
BERLIN RADIO ADMITS 'TROUBLE ABREWIN'
BETWEEN FUEHRER AND MONSTROUS CLAW

by BOB WOOD

TWO OF THE WORLD'S FOUR WORST VILLAINS (THE OTHER TWO BEING HIROHITO AND MUSSOLINI) ARE AT IT AGAIN. LESS THAN A YEAR AGO HITLER DOUBLECROSSED THE CLAW. NOW IT SEEMS THAT THE TIBETIAN GIANT IS REVERSING THE TABLES.

EVEN "BLABBER-MOUTH" GOEBBELS' LIES HAVE FAILED TO DECEIVE THE GERMAN PEOPLE THIS TIME AND THE FACT THAT THE INSANE EX-SIGN PAINTER HAS NOT DENIED THE REPORTS LEAVES LITTLE DOUBT IN ANYONE'S MIND THAT THE RUMORS ARE TRUE.

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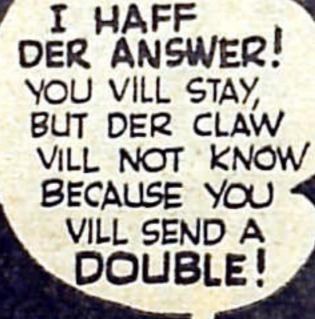
VOT ISS DIS! DER CLAW VANTS ME TO VISIT HIM! ACH! VOT VILL DO!



HITLER, EVER TERRIFIED BY THE CLAW'S TERRIBLE POWER, TURNS TO HIS ADVISOR ...

VOT VILL I DO? I'M AFRAID TO GO, BUT IF I REFUSE, I THE CLAW VILL BECOME VERY BE FATAL! ANGRY!

ACH! IT VOULD BE DANGEROUS TO FALL IN DER CLAWS POWER, BUT TO FAIL TO AP-PEAR-DOT, WOULD

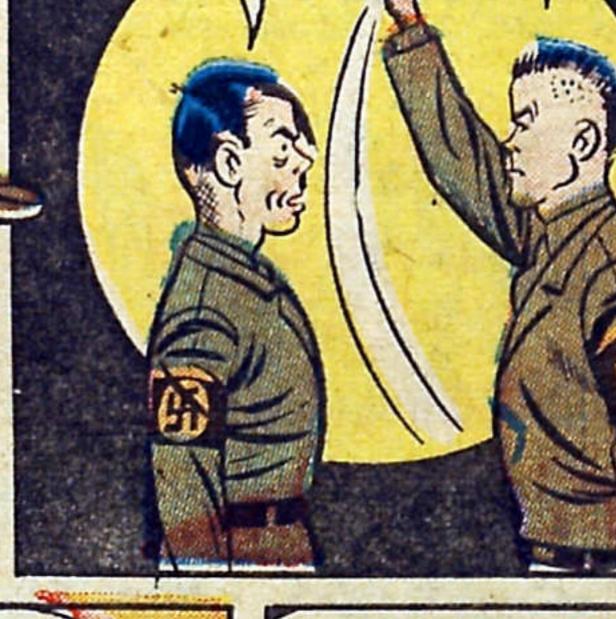


VONDERFOOL! GUARD-GO AT ONCE UND ORDER ALL MY DOUBLES TO APPEAR BEFORE ME!

IT VILL BE DONE INSTANTLY! HEIL HITLER!







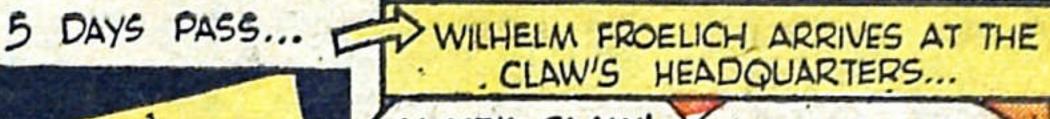


I HAFF DECIDED TO BE GENEROUS! INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING DER HONOR, FOR MYSELF, YOU VILL DRAW LOTS, UND DER LUCKY MAN VILL HAFF DER VON-DERFOOL PRIVILEGE OF VISITING DER CLAW PERSONALLY!









H.HEIL CLAW!

IT ISS A GREAT

PRIVILEGE TO

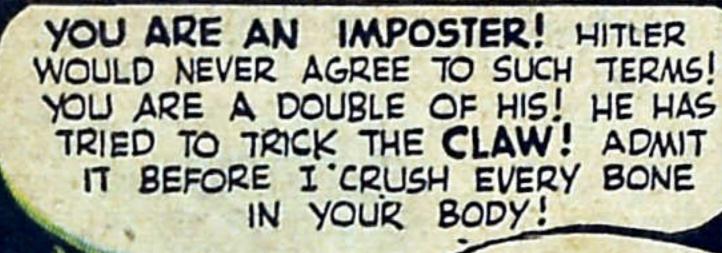
BE INVITED TO

VISIT VITH

DER CLAW!

YOU ARE SUR-PRISINGLY TIMID. TODAY, HITLER! -DON'T YOU FEEL WELL?







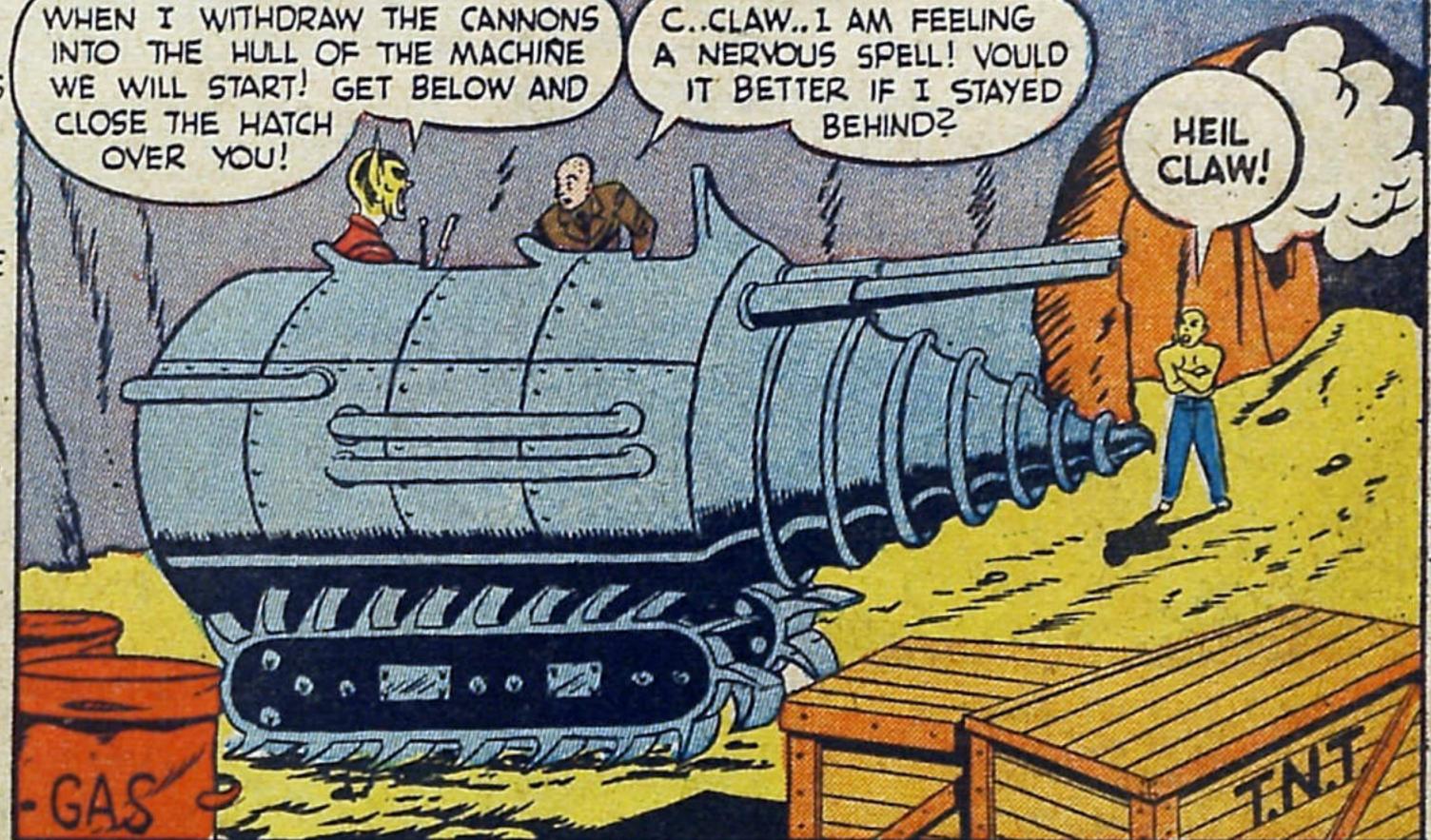


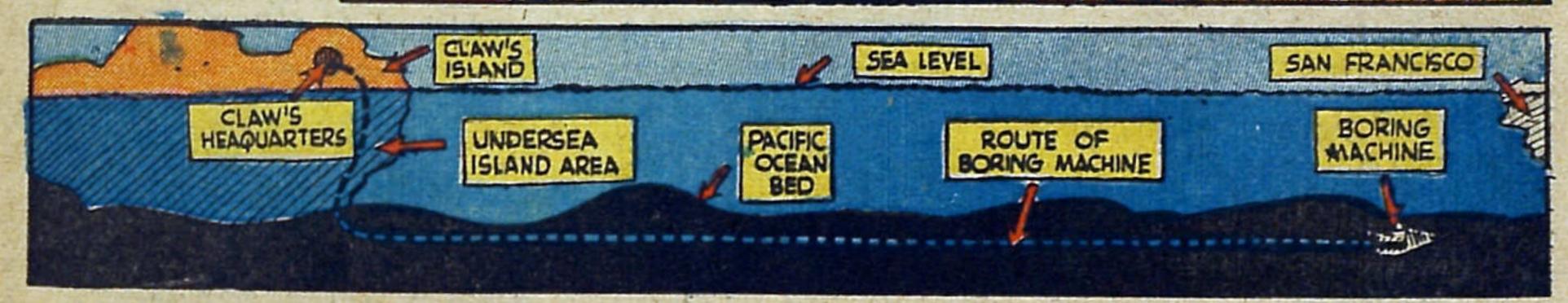






AS HITLER'S RAGE SUBSIDES, HE REALIZES THAT THE CLAW HAS TRAPPED HIM! HE CANNOT RETURN TO GERMANY UNTIL HIS HAIR AND MUSTACHE GROWS SO THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO FOLLOW THE CLAW'S EVIL PLAN! THE CLAW ORDERS HIS BORING MACHINE TO BE LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES AND PREPARES FOR HIS TRIP TO AMERICA!



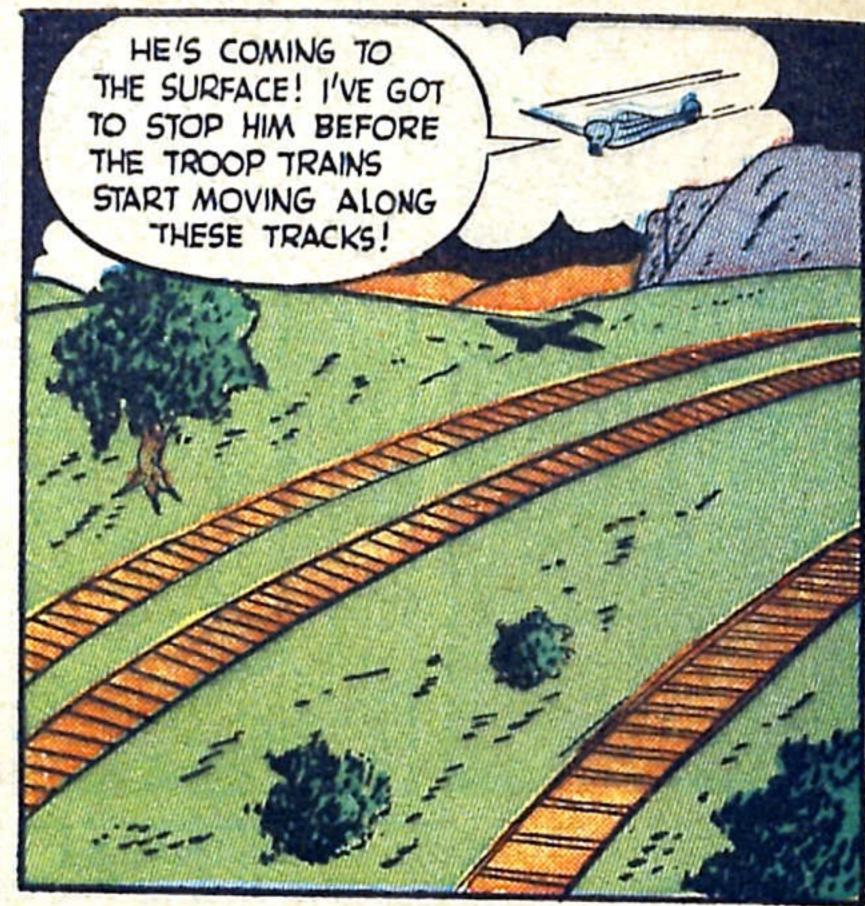


MEANWHILE IN THE U.S.A. ALIAS THE GHOST, IS LISTENING TO HIS RADIO WHEN THE PROGRAM IS INTERRUPTED BY A NEWS BROADCAST ...

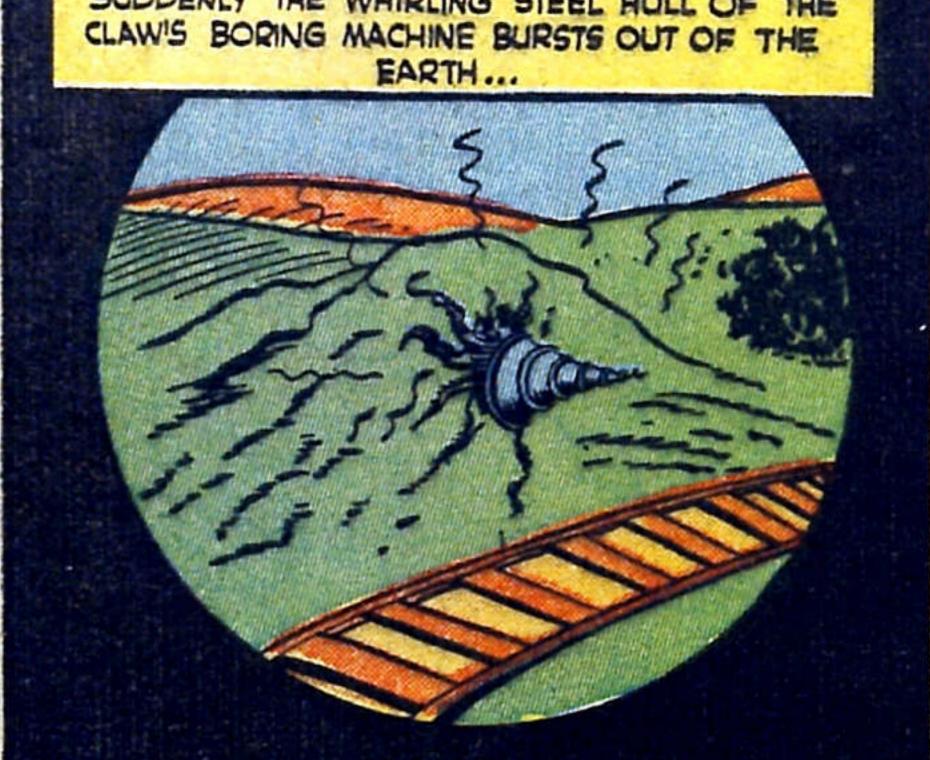


AS THE RADIO BROADCASTS THE PATH OF THE EARTH-QUAKES, THE GHOST, IN HIS PLANE, FOLLOWS THE SAME COURSE!





SUDDENLY THE WHIRLING STEEL HULL OF THE CLAW'S BORING MACHINE BURSTS OUT OF THE

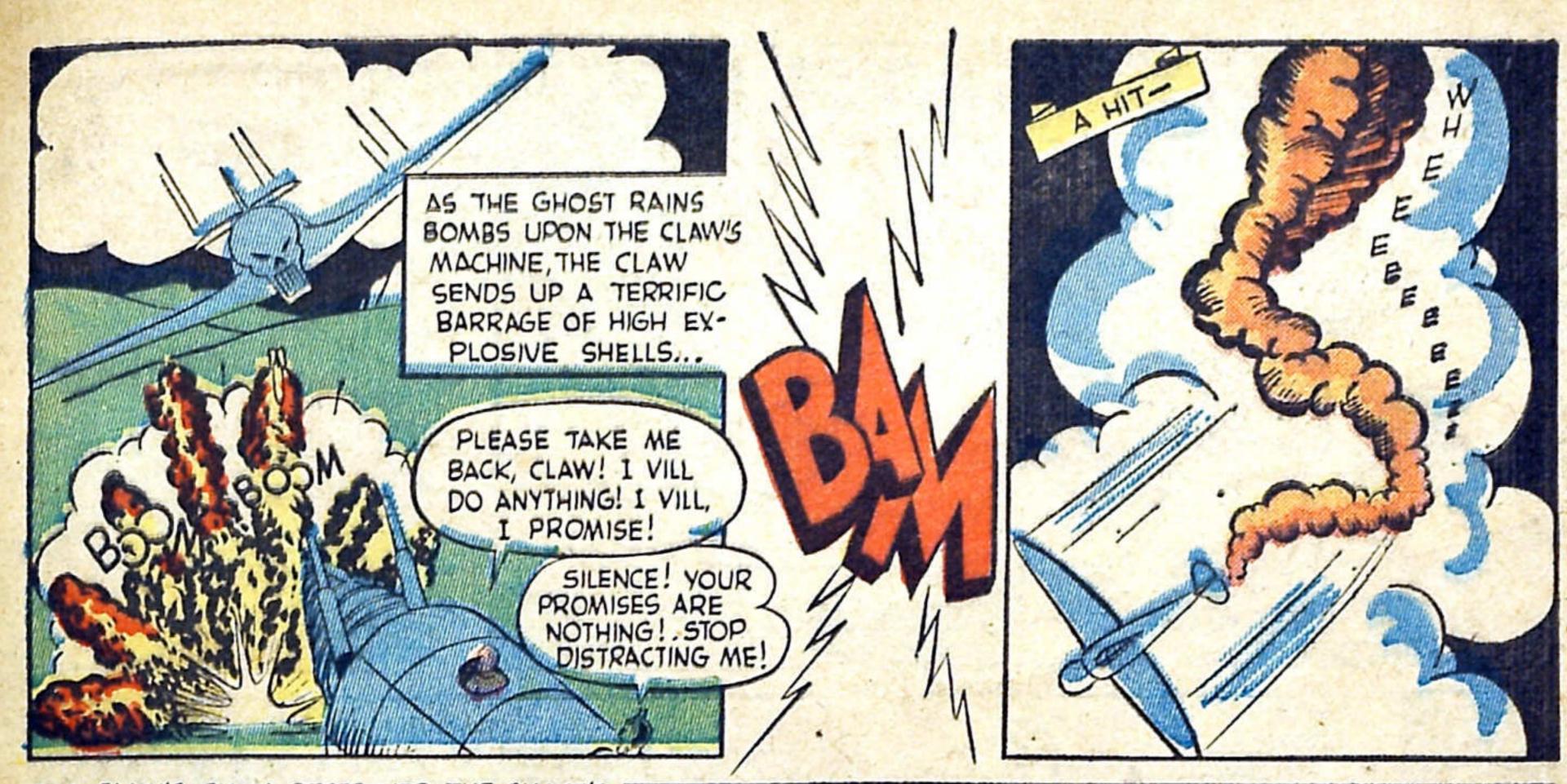


AS THE BORING MACHINE COMES INTO VIEW, THE GHOST RELEASES A LOAD OF BOMBS AT CLOSE RANGE.

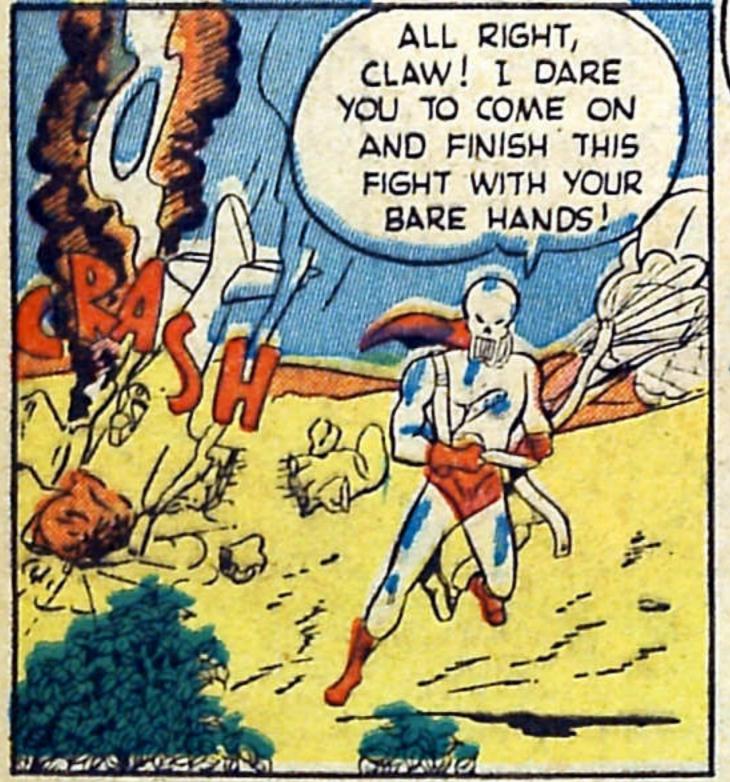








THE CLAW'S SHELL DESTROYED THE GHOST'S PLANE, BUT THE TERRIFIC EXPLOSION HURLED THE GHOST FROM IT SO THAT HE WAS ABLE TO PARACHUTE TO SAFETY!



ACH! CLAW! I..I.

AM F.FRIGHTENED!

PLEASE LET ME SHOOT

DER GHOST NOW UND

DEN VE CAN GET

VERE IT ISS SAFE!

I VILL NEFFER BE

DER SAME!

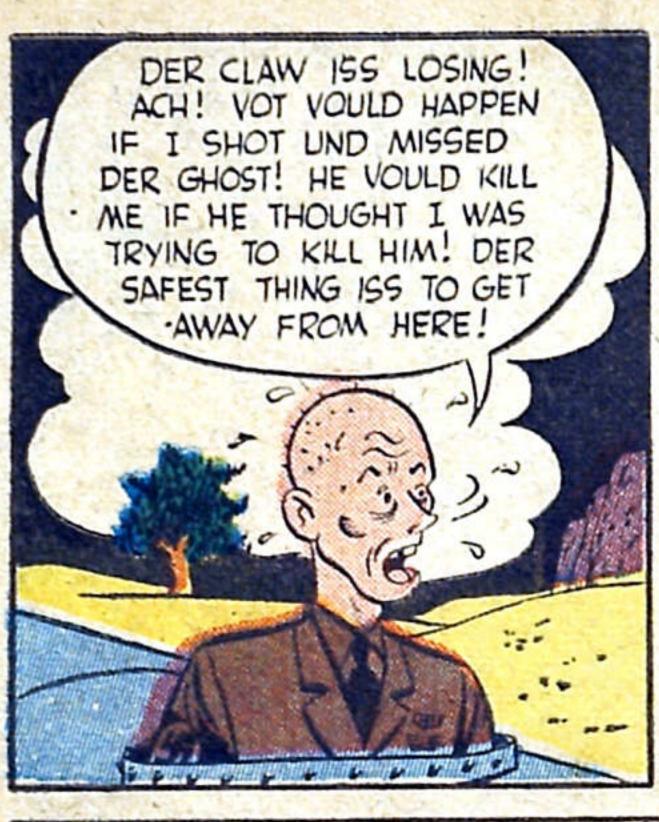
SILENCE! DO AS I TOLD
YOU! IF I SEEM TO BE LOSING I WILL DROP TO THE
GROUND AND THEN YOU WILL
SHOOT THE GHOST-BUT I
WOULD RATHER SEE IF I

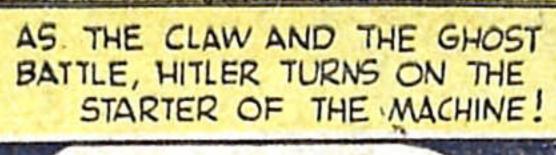
WHO'S YOUR FUNNY LITTLE FRIEND, CLAW?

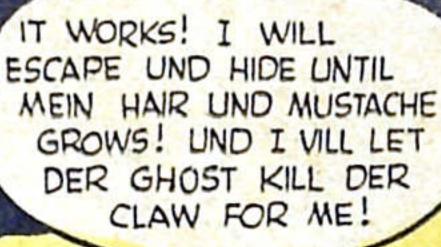










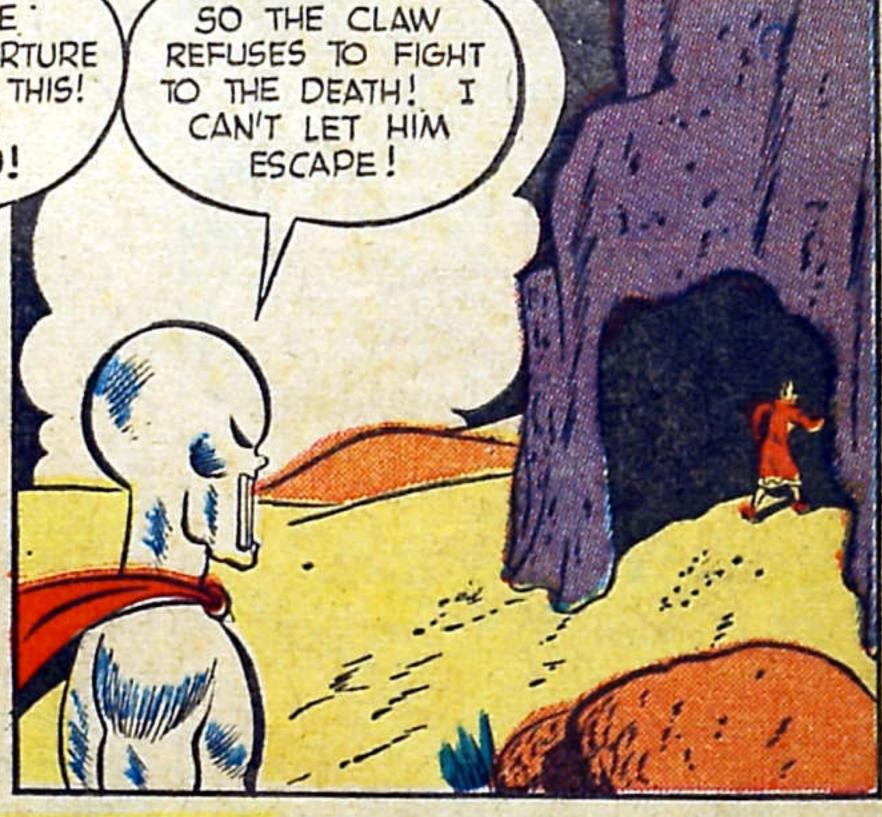




THE MUCH DAZED CLAW SUDDENLY LOOKS UP ...







THE GHOST WHIPS OUT A SUPER GRENADE FROM A SECRET POCKET AND HURLS IT INTO THE CAVE!

> THIS SHOULD BE THE CLAW'S FINAL SEND-OFF PRESENT!



